

THE SOUTHWESTER

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JANUARY 1976

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION TO BE ELECTED FEBRUARY 3, 1976

Registered voters will elect nine commission members to the SW/SE ANC on February 3rd. One Representative will be elected from each Single Member District, an area in which approximately 2000 people reside. Regardless of which SMD you live in, you will vote at your regular voting place for your SMD representative. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. Write-in candidates will be allowed in each SMD, even if there is no candidate. The highest number of votes determines the winner.

The ANC Candidates have scheduled a meeting before the election to discuss the steps for getting the SW/SE ANC started after the results of the February election are known.

Councilman John Wilson, Ward II, reminds us that 'February 3rd is your opportunity to get out and vote for an individual to represent your single member district on the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission.' (ANC Map, description of each SMD and candidates' statements appear on page 3.)

DO WE NEED BOTH ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC) AND THE SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY (SWNA)?

The question has surfaced frequently over the past year, and with Feb. 3rd as election day for the ANC's and SWNA elections in March, the decision is at hand: the answer is a resounding YES! The ANC will have a legal relationship to the District government; they will have defined responsibilities for advising on matters of public policy, recreation, social service programs, health services, etc. They cannot raise money nor can they perform many of the functions now undertaken by SWNA -- a neighborhood volunteer group working in Southwest in both a broader and more specific way. We need both groups, and representatives elected to the SW/SE ANC and SWNA will need to work together -- to complement each other's efforts.

FOLLOW-UP ON PAST STORY

The net proceeds raised at 1975 International Food & Fun Festival totaled \$2,033.17. An additional name has been added to our list of 100 SW residents (published last month), who contributed to the Festival's success. Thank you goes to Betty Gage of Harbour Square.

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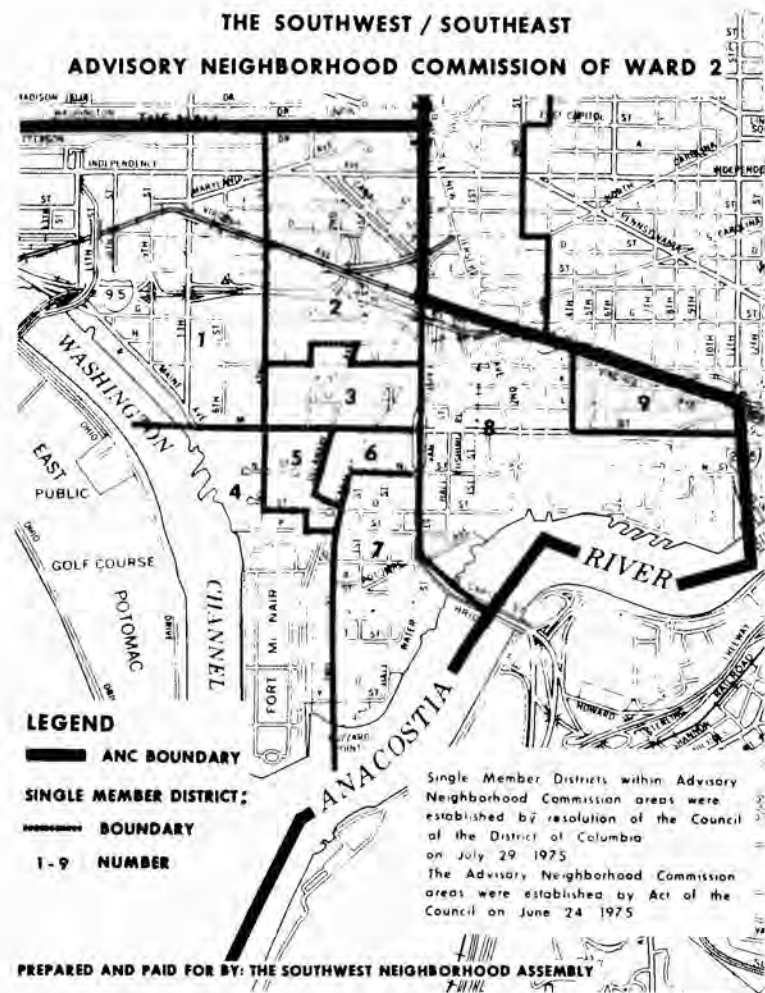
Assembly members have been greatly interested in plans for development of Buzzard Point. Just this month the GSA decision to move the S.E.C. to a location bounded by T, U, and Half Streets SW was overturned. According to the owner of the property, GSA now has plans to move four other U.S. government agencies into the building when completed. Only approval of a plan to protect this area for residential and park purposes can forestall like encroachments in the area.

On the brighter side, Major General Robert G. Yerks, Commanding Officer of the Military District of Washington, has written the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly that 'the Department of Defense is formally notifying the National Capital Planning Commission that the Defense requirement for the Tempo site is withdrawn.' He states that 'In the course of reappraising the Army's portion of the overall requirements and taking a hard look at alternatives, we gave careful consideration to the views of your organization. When my representatives met with the Assembly on September 19th, they listened carefully to the thoughtful comments expressed by your members. When my people reported back to me the results of that meeting, it strengthened my initial reaction that we should make every effort to find alternatives for our requirements I am convinced this decision is in the best interest of the military community and of our splendid neighbors here in Southwest Washington.' Major General Yerks rightfully points out 'government title to the Tempo site rests with the General Services Administration and while I do not know what steps your organization will want to take to ensure the kind of development you want for the site, I can assure you that the part of the problem involving planned military use of the land has been resolved.' We too are pleased to count those at Fort McNair as 'splendid neighbors' in Southwest.

**SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY
MEETING ON JANUARY 29th AT 8 pm
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Delaware and
M Street, SW**

Agenda:

Meet the Candidates for SW/SE ANC.
Vote on Proposed Change for SWNA By-Laws.
Announcement of Nominating Committee and
Nomination & Election Procedures for SWNA
Elections.



Description/Listing of Housing Areas in Single Member Districts

- SMD 1** Town Square Towers, Town Square Commons, Town Square Townhouses, Waterside Towers, Town Center West (1000 & 1100 6th St.).
- SMD 2** Capitol Park Townhouses, High rises at 800 4th St, 101-103 and 301 G St.
- SMD 3** Greenleaf Annex and High rises at 201 Eye, 1001 & 1101 3rd Sts.
- SMD 4** Tiber Island, Harbour Square, Edgewater, Finley House, Channel Square & Ft. McNair.
- SMD 5** St. James, River Park & Carrollsburg Square.
- SMD 6** High rises at 1200 Delaware Ave. & 203 N St., James Creek between M & N Sts., 1200 block of Half St. & Carrollsburg Place.
- SMD 7** James Creek between N & O Sts., Syphax Gardens, Housing on O, P, Q Sts. between S. Capitol St. & 2nd St. SW, on S. Capitol, Half, 1st & 2nd Sts. between O & Q Sts.
- SMD 8** Housing on Half, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & odd side of 4th St. SE, on New Jersey Ave. between K & M Sts., on I, K, L & M Sts. SE between S. Capitol & 4th Sts. SE.
- SMD 9** Housing on even side of 4th, 5th to 11th Sts., between Virginia Ave. & M Sts. SE, on Virginia Ave., I, K, L & M Sts. between 4th & 11th Sts. SE.

LIBRARY NEWS

Since August neighborhood children have been participating twice each week in a photography workshop sponsored by the Library, Southwest Festival of the Arts, and Southwest Community House. The workshop has culminated this month in an exhibit at the Library of the children's work. In a way, the community can consider this effort somewhat of a triumph-- for itself as well as for the children. Resources, money, advice, cooperation, and people were necessary to make it work.

With a donation from Southwest Festival of the Arts, two 35mm cameras were purchased as well as exhibiting materials. Southwest House offered a dark room, developing/printing supplies and equipment, and photographic skills. What truly made the program work was the effort of Robert Everhart who volunteered his photography expertise, love and concern for children, and ALL of the film to the program. Carmen Smith (Library) and Henry Alford (Southwest House) assisted with their energy and time.

A reception in the children's honor was held on Saturday, Jan. 10th at the Library. And although the invitations to the community found their way to the Dead Letter Office and were delivered late, a number of citizens came to see the exhibit and congratulate the children. The exhibit will continue through January and will then be available for display in other community agencies, or in centers in other neighborhoods. If you or your organization is interested in having the exhibit, call the Library at 727-1381. For those who might be interested in working toward creating another photography workshop and have time, ideas, supplies, equipment, etc., also please call us.

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The following statements were submitted by SW/SE ANC candidates for publication in the SOUTHWESTER.

SMD 1 EARLYN F. PERRY, 700 7th St., S.W.

RICHARD WESTBROOK, 624 4th St. SW
As a SW resident for 12 years and a city planner, I'm vitally interested in the well-being of this community. My involvement in the Assembly and Ward 2 recommendations on ANC's have made me keenly aware of the importance of this new organization for our neighborhood. Your vote and active support are needed.

SMD 2 WESLEY H. LONG, 759 Delaware Ave. SW

During 1975, I was active in helping establish the SW/SE ANC. I now wish to follow through as an elected commissioner to aid in both organizing the ANC for action as an effective neighborhood voice and developing a working partnership with City Government to the benefit of all SW/SE residents.

GALEN YODER, 800 4th St. SW
Program Analyst for EPA. Previously employed as Social Services Analyst with HUD's Office of Community Planning. Currently serving on the Executive Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Government training: Federal Management Intern, Congressional Intern in U.S. Senate, and Community Service Intern. Resident of Capitol Park for about five years.

SMD 3 SALLY J. ALEXANDER, 201 I St. SW
With your help I will do everything possible to make our ANC effective - so, when we advise officials concerning our problems, they take heed! My volunteer activities in Southwest include: For 1974/75 SWNA Board (Capitol Park Rep.), Chairperson, International Food & Fun Festivals; Vice-chairperson, Southwest Youth Neighborhood Group (SWYNG).

PHYLLIS MARTIN, 233 I St. SW
I am concerned about the living condition of all housing in SW, maintenance problems, need for low-moderate income housing, job training, improved health services, crime which must be decreased. I want to know more about the real need of the residents and combine them with my concerns to improve living conditions in the SW community.

RICHARD WILLETT, 201 I St. SW

SMD 4 WILBUR G. HUGHES, 1435 4th St. SW

Hughes has a B.S. in government from Tennessee State and a degree from Howard Law School. Hughes joined the House District Committee staff during the home rule effort and continues to learn about local needs from that vantage point. He sees the major issues in the neighborhood as crime, apartment related problems and the Southwest Mall. Wilbur and his wife Dawn are residents of Finley House.

SPENCER SCOTT, 325 P St. SW
I believe the duties of Advisory Neighborhood Councils and Single Member Districts are to: (1) MONITOR District government services & activities; (2) INFORM neighbors of private sector and governmental activities affecting the community; (3) ENCOURAGE community involvement; (4) ARTICULATE neighborhood concerns. As SMD 4 Commissioner, I will continually work towards making government responsive to the residents of SMD 4.

SMD 5 TERRY C. CHISHOLM, 350 N St. SW

BETTIE LYONS, 1250 4th St. SW
Lawyer, mother and wife. I feel that the ANC will be the resident's most effective mechanism for resolving crucial issues affecting the community. Some of the major issues currently affecting SW residents include: Cost of housing; increase of crime and juvenile delinquency; adequacy of community facilities and services; the Waterside Mall problem; safety and traffic congestion associated with Metro construction.

SMD 6 CLARENCE GREEN, 1200 Delaware Ave. SW
Married - father of six children. Resident of SW since 1970. Active in SWCH consumer affairs and housing components; Chairman, 1200 Delaware Ave. Tenant Council; Treasurer, Neighborhood Planning Council, Area No. 17; Member, Board of Directors, Southwest Youth Neighborhood Group (SWYNG).

SMD 7 CELESTINE A. CARAWAY, 1514 First St. SW
Native Washingtonian, living in SW for 3 years, former tutor at Syphax School and community organizer for NCHA. Presently community developer at SWCH as welfare coordinator, Former treasurer of SWNA. Thinks it is important for people to have voice in decisions that affect local urban affairs.

SMD 8 LILLIAN T. JOHNSON, 316 I St. SE

I am concerned about various problems in my neighborhood: housing maintenance, mice, trash collection and health services. Senior Citizen services must be maintained. I was formerly affiliated with Friendship House where I helped found 'Crime Stoppers' and the Friendship House Credit Union. While there I also worked with Senior Citizens and was a social worker's assistant.

SMD 9 Candidate did not file for election. Write-in allowed on election day, February 3, 1976, so this area in SE can be represented.


- CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
- Jan. 26 City Council Housing and Urban Development Committee Public Hearing on addition to the First District Police Station House. 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Jefferson Jr. High School Auditorium, 7th & I Sts. SW. Call Ms. Madison at 724-8021 by 5:00 pm Jan. 25 to register to testify.
 - Jan. 27 Democratic National Convention Caucus for Ward 2. 7:30 pm, Cannon House Office Building, First and Independence, SE.
 - Jan. 29 Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting. 8:00 pm, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M Street, SW. See front page for details.
 - Feb. 3 ELECTION - Southwest/Southeast Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Polls open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. See article in this issue for more information.
 - Feb. 3 Tri-School P.T.A. Meeting. 7:30 p.m., Amidon School, 4th and I Streets, SW.
 - Feb. 7 Southwest Town Meeting with John Wilson, Ward 2 City Councilman. 11:00 am, Southwest Public Library, Wesley Place and K Streets, SW.
- Dept. of Housing & Community Development will have community meeting in February to discuss housing needs in S.W. Date to be announced at Jan. 29 Assembly meeting.



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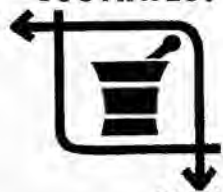
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SWNA ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MARCH

The SWNA Board is making every effort to include all names of those wanting to run for office. All voting members of the Assembly are eligible for office; that is, 'any person eighteen (18) years of age or over and residing in the area of Southwest Washington north of the Anacostia River.' All persons interested in SWNA are urged to submit their own names or seek out candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two representatives from each SMD, assuming that the proposed by-law changes are approved. (See page 2 for map indicating boundaries for SMD's) Send names, office proposed, address and telephone number to the Southwester Box Number, marked 'Attn: Nominating Committee'. The nominating committee will be appointed at the January meeting and will serve as an assembling and coordinating group. Nominees will be contacted for eligibility and willingness to serve. All names must be received before February 16, 1976. The nominating ballot will be read at the February Assembly meeting. At that time additional nominations may be made from the floor. Dates and locations for voting will be announced in the February issue of SWer.

EARLY CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHWEST

After President Washington and his advisors decided in 1790 on a location for the future Federal City something of a building boom preceded the completion of the White House and Capitol. Much of this early construction occurred in Carrollsbury (Southwest) and several of these structures still stand, having survived the land speculators and freeway builders.

Wheat Row at 1315-1321 Fourth Street, SW, and the Cranch-Duncanson House at 468-470 N St., SW, were completed in 1794 and have been in continuous occupancy since. Two years later, the Law House at the corner of N and Sixth Streets, SW, was completed and occupied for a short time by Thomas Law and his bride, Elizabeth Park Curtis, Martha Washington's granddaughter. Richard Bland Lee, a former member of Congress, was living in Law House in 1814 when the British burned the Capitol and White House. About 1850 Law House became the Mount Vernon Hotel, serving passengers and merchants using the Sixth Street Wharf -- a rising center of maritime commerce.

The Cranch-Duncanson House, a duplex, was initially occupied by Captain William Mayne Duncanson (right side) and William Cranch (left side). Cranch, a lawyer from Massachusetts, was appointed the Chief Judge to the D.C. Circuit Court in 1801 by President Jefferson.

The Washington Lewis House at 456 N St., SW, is actually of later construction -- about 1817 -- and was for many years the home of Washington Lewis, a nephew of President Washington. Later it became a flat where Ernie Pyle lived as a young journalist prior to his World War II fame. The House is currently on the market for \$175,000.

[This is the second of a series of articles on the history of Southwest Washington. Readers' comments and contributions are welcomed.]

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NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY ELECTION

The Assembly's Nomination Committee, comprised of Lucia Rapley as Chairperson, Clay Cottrell and Eric Sewell, is seeking candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two representatives from each SMD in SW, giving a total of 14 representatives if the proposed by-law change is approved. The By-laws state that all voting members of the Assembly are eligible for office: that is 'any person eighteen (18) years of age or over and residing in the area of SW north of the Anacostia River.' All persons interested are urged to call Lucia Rapley at 484-0543. Nominations will be closed following additional nominations from the floor at the Feb. 26th Assembly meeting. Each SWNA candidate is invited to submit a statement of 30 words or less to the Southwester (P.O. Box 8194, Washington, D.C. 20024) for publication in the March issue of the Southwester. Deadline is Feb. 28th. The Assembly elections will be held on March 18, 19 & 20.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26th at 8 pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Delaware and M Street, SW

Agenda:

Will SW Library Close? -- Ms. Hightower,
Supervisor of Branches, D.C. Public Library

Should Commissioners of ANC be barred
from holding at-large office in SWNA?

Vote on changing SWNA By-laws to have 14
SMD representatives

Presentation of SWNA election ballot and
additional nominations from the floor

TO OUR NEIGHBORS:

Those of you who visit the Library are unfortunately aware of the severe difficulties we are facing with several gangs of disruptive young people. Many of you have voiced your intentions of no longer using the facility because of the harassment, fear, shouting, and theft that confronts you in the Library. Many of you have undoubtedly felt it, said nothing, and not returned. We have lost many of our users. The least likely people to complain are the children, and we have lost nearly all of them. The Children's circulation in 1975 was 6,000 less than it was in 1974. The children are simply afraid to come here.

It is not our library personality to expect or even want children to keep silent. We encourage dialogue, interchange of ideas, stories, jokes, homework assistance, laughter, etc.

Since we lost our Security Officer, we have recorded incidents of vandalism, theft, personal and verbal abuse, daily harassment of patrons and staff, and minor assault. Unless you've witnessed it, it is hard to describe the helplessness of a gang of children screaming obscenities as they tear through and around the Reading Rooms pulling books off the shelves, throwing books at each other and the borrowers.

We strongly feel that it is a community problem that must be confronted by the community at large. Those of you who believe in preserving library use and in re-establishing the comfortable atmosphere of a neighborhood place freely accessible to everyone, should consider organizing a Library advisory group, or simply a get-together to discuss how to do it.

This Library belongs to all of you and the Library staff wants everyone in our neighborhood to be able to enjoy it (comfortably).

Sincerely,

Jody Pitsenberger
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UNOFFICIAL SW/SE ANC ELECTION RETURNS

Although the election was held Feb. 3, the unofficial returns for the SW/SE ANC, as of Wed., Feb. 11 are as follows:

SMD 1: Richard Westbrook 98, Earlyn Perry 11.

SMD 2: Galen Yoder 24, Wesley Long 87.

SMD 3: Phyllis Martin 28, Sally Alexander 32, Richard Willett 13.

SMD 4: Spencer Scott 60, Wilbur Hughes 71.

SMD 5: Terry Chisholm 17, Bettie Lyons 16.

SMD 6: Clarence Green 33

SMD 7: Celestine Caraway 28.

SMD 8: Lillian Johnson 13. SMD 9: Cornelia Mitchell 10.

The Board of Elections on 2/17 confirmed the results above but would not give us the final tallies over the phone. Congratulations to the ANC Commissioners.

Continued - ANC Election Returns

It should be noted that the Board of Elections Records were not in good order as to which district people lived in.

Although unofficial until March 1, 1976, the SW/SE ANC held its first meeting on Feb. 11th. Wesley Long was elected Temporary Chairperson. Various organizational matters were also discussed. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 11th. Look for written notice in your SMD. Written notice is to be posted in at least 2 conspicuous locations in each SMD.

The Commissioners, while candidates, announced at the Jan. 29th Assembly meeting the following resolutions: (1) The ANC will initiate close cooperation between the ANC & existing organizations in the SW/SE ANC area. (2) The ANC, to best serve the community, needs community support on its committees & appeals to residents to volunteer for committee work, once committees are organized.

SOUTHWEST LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Jody Pitsenberger, SW Branch Librarian, sent the Southwester the letter on our first page. There will be an opportunity for all residents to meet and discuss solutions at the next meeting of the SW Assembly on Feb. 26, 8:00 pm, St. Matthew's Church. Mrs. Monteria Hightower, Supervisor of Branches, D.C. Public Library System, will be present at this meeting to discuss problems and to assist the community in arriving at a solution.

If you have any suggestions and/or would be interested in forming a 'Friends of the Library' group, attend the SW Assembly Meeting or talk to Jody Pitsenberger at the Library.

SOUTHWEST HISTORY SERIES

by Wilbur G. Hughes

THE SLAVE TRADE IN SOUTHWEST

Slave trading in the District of Columbia was not outlawed by Congress until 1850. Before that year, thousands of slaves were brought annually to the District for sale or shipment to other to other trading centers. Southwest Washington, including Alexandria, until 1846 a part of the District, were the major local centers of the slave trade.

Pending their sale, slaves were kept in jail-like areas known as pens. A noted slave pen of the period, known as Robey's Pen, was located on the east side of 7th St., SW, south of Independence Ave. Nearby, another, William's Pen, stood on the southwest corner of 8th St. and Independence Ave., SW. Both pens were in clear view of the Capitol.

Many slaves brought into the nation's capital were taken to Alexandria, where the principal depot was operated by the firm of Franklin & Armfield. In 1834, over 1200 slaves were handled by this firm. A \$33,000 profit was reported by the firm in 1833. Continuing talk in Congress of banning the lucrative slave trade in the District galvanized the movement in Alexandria seeking to return that portion of the national capital to Virginia. While the slave trade was abolished in the District by the congressional Compromise of 1850, slave holding would remain legal until the Civil War.

The Southwest locations of the slave pens discussed in this article should be designated historic sites by the D.C. Bicentennial Commission and appropriately marked. The author has made such a request of the Commission and encourages readers to write the Commission on this matter.

[This is the third article in a series on the history of Southwest. It was especially written for Black History Month - February.]

VOLUNTEER BOARD VOTES TO INCORPORATE AS FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST YOUTH ASSISTANCE CENTER

Working since last spring to initiate the development of a comprehensive community center (called for in the 1974 International Food and Fun Festival Report), several southwest residents gave their support to the opening of SWYNG, at 1625 South Capitol, in the name of 'Friends of SWYNG'. Mayor Washington, speaking at the official opening June 14, 1975, proclaimed the Center as the beginning of a needed service in the southwest and vowed his support. Through the Youth Opportunity Services Department of the D.C. Government, SWYNG was funded at that location until October.

Summer experience with SWYNG helped identify problems with the location, staffing and programming. Dr. James L. Jones, Director of Y.O.S. and Bobbie McMahon, President of Friends of SWYNG, worked with various D.C. officials and Wallace Darius, Area 9 Recreation Manager to obtain a portion of King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. SOYAC or Southwest 24-Hour Youth Assistance Center began operations early in January and is helping juveniles referred by the schools and police to the Center.

While these changes were being made, the Board of Directors of 'Friends of SWYNG', developed by-laws and continued efforts to develop community support for a comprehensive community center. Since the change in location and focus of the program funded by Y.O.S., the directors voted on Jan. 28th a change of name to 'Friends of the Southwest 24-Hour Youth Assistance Center' - SOYAC - and to incorporate as a non-profit organization. Non-profit status had formerly been given as an arm of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

At the January Board Meeting, the Directors elected Vice-President, Sally Alexander to be the new President and Abbye Cross to be Vice President. Byrl Rice will continue as Treasurer and Jody Pitsenberger as Secretary.

Abbye Cross accepted responsibility to be Coordinator of Volunteers for SOYAC. Volunteers are being recruited to assist in development and to be instructors of cooking, nutrition, reading and special tutorial classes. Other service volunteers will be recruited to be of general assistance in the operation of SOYAC programs in coordination with Recreation Dept. programs.

Readers of the Southwester are invited to call Abbye at 488-8391 for more information and to volunteer their services to advance the goals of 'Friends of the Southwest Youth Assistance Center.' Messages may be left for her at the Center, 629-4153.

Other SOYAC Board Members are: Paul Artiss, Anita Bonds, Clarence Green, Sam Jordan, Phyllis Martin, Ricky Orchin, Lucia Rapley, Minetta Wheeler, Wallace Darius and Beatrice Carson and Doris Wooten. More Board Members are being recruited to fulfill the 21 positions as required by the by-laws.

CREDIT UNION RESPONDS TO PRESS

On behalf of the Southwest House Community Federal Credit Union, President Larry Herman reports that the Credit Union is current on all of its payments for food stamps and they have canceled checks to establish this fact.

The Southwest House Community Federal Credit Union is confident that the investigation being carried out by the Dept. of Agriculture and the D.C. Dept. of Human Resources will confirm that there is no problem at the SW Credit Union.

SWNA - EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS

Motion was approved at the Feb. 5th Exec. Bd. meeting that the officers (at-large) of the SWNA can not be ANC Commissioners simultaneously; however, Commissioners are invited to run for office at the representative level. This motion, to qualify the requirements for at-large officers, will be voted upon by the Assembly on Feb. 26th.

There will also be voting upon the Exec. Bd. motion to change the By-laws (presented at Jan. Assembly meeting). The proposal states:

Fourteen (14) Representatives shall be elected by the Assembly to represent each of the seven Single Member Districts (SMD's) of the District of Columbia located in Southwest Washington.

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Wallace Darius 638-6788.
- Feb. 26 Lunch and Topic 'Over the Counter Drugs.' 12 noon,
Southwest Senior Citizens Social Club, Christ Methodist
Church, 900 4th St. SW
- Mar. 2 Workshop on Food Power: **SOUPS AND SALADS.**
7:30 pm, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 60 I St, SW.
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- Feb. 15 - Annual Azalea Display, U.S. Botanic Gardens,
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WASHINGTON BOARD OF TRADE COMES TO SOUTHWEST

On Feb. 5, the 'Board Listens', a group of representatives from the Washington Board of Trade, Consumer Leaders, and other interested persons held a Prayer breakfast at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The purpose was to talk with the businesses in Waterside Mall about their problems with crime. They also came to hear suggestions & recommendations from concerned parents, youth leaders, the Exec. Director and Staff of Southwest House. All input will be taken under advisement.

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S.W. LIBRARY WILL NOT CLOSE

Eighty residents attended the S.W. Assembly meeting on February 26 to discuss the problems at the S.W. Library. These problems were brought to the attention of residents in a letter from Jody Pitsenberger, S.W. Branch Librarian, printed in the February issue of the SOUTHWESTER.

At the meeting Jody described the disruptive activities of some neighborhood youths and the positive involvements which the Library has had with children in S.W. She asked for constructive efforts and community involvement in handling the present situation. She recommended that the community organize a 'Friends of the Library' committee, not only to help with current problems, but to be an ongoing advisory group working with the Library staff in other areas, such as program and fund-raising activities.

Monteria Hightower, Supervisor of Branches, D.C. Public Library System, stated that the S.W. Branch will not close, no matter what happens. She emphasized that the Library exists to provide service: not to police the public, and she asked adults to assume full responsibility for their children.

A number of comments from the audience indicated that the problem was not the situation at the Library but the scarcity of programs for children ages 6 - 12 and a lack of cooperation among the various city agencies. Several residents felt that the D.C. Recreation Dept. is not adequately serving neighborhood children. Greenleaf Recreation Center does not admit children under 12 years after 3 pm and a place is needed for these children to go in the afternoons. Residents also felt that the Roving Youth Leaders were not effective. It was suggested that Councilmen John Wilson and Julius Hobson, Sr. be contacted for help in achieving coordination of effort among the agencies serving this community.

The Assembly decided to form a 'Friends of the Library' Committee. Thirty people signed up to work on the committee and Wilbur Hughes, ANC, SMD 4, volunteered to be the chairperson.

The Library story was covered in the daily papers and by radio and TV news broadcasts. A video team from Channel 7 covered the Assembly meeting. While the way the media presented the story was criticized by

some residents, it was noted that the media attention did bring a number of people out to the Assembly Meeting. The Media also focussed the attention of city agencies on the situation and now the Police Dept. has agreed to include the Library as part of its regular patrol.

ASSEMBLY TO HOLD ELECTIONS

All SW residents, 18 yrs. or older, are eligible to vote in the SWNA elections. A total of 18 SW residents will be elected to the Assembly's Executive Board: 4 At-large Officers and 14 Representatives, 2 from each of the 7 SMDs in SW. (*Polling location & hours are listed in box below; candidates statements appear on page 2.*) By-law change to have SMD Repres. was approved at Feb. Assembly.

PRE-K & K REGISTRATION

Registration for all day pre-kindergarten & kindergarten is now being accepted at Bowen School, Delaware Ave. & M St., SW and at Amidon School, 4th & I Sts. SW. Syphax School, Half & N Sts., SW, will have only kindergarten.

Pre-Kindergarten students must be 4 years old by Jan 1, 1977. Kindergarten students must be 5 yrs. old by Jan. 1, 1977. At time of registration the following must be shown: birth certificate and record of immunization and shots.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

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Friday, March 19	from 10 am - 7 pm
Saturday, March 20	from 10 am - 5 pm

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

FOR PRESIDENT (vote for one)

KATHLEEN T. STIEF: Seeks strong committee system and cooperation with Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Member SWNA Executive Board for past 5 years. Secretary for past 2 yrs. Southwester Advertising Manager. Former Chairman, D.C. Government Committee (2 yrs.) and Co-Chairman, Education Committee (2 yrs.).

FOR VICE PRESIDENT (vote for one)

GALEN YODER: Currently serving on the SWNA Executive Board. Believes that the SWNA must solicit broader involvement from the community and must be more aggressive in confronting community problems. Supports Operation PUSH's efforts to revitalize public schools.

FOR SECRETARY (vote for one)

MAXINE A. MC CRAVEN: Parent, 9 year resident of Southwest. . . . Daily contact with Juvenile Justice Institutions has made me aware of the consequences of leaving unsolved the problems of crime, housing and recreation existing in our community. Through SWNA I can help solve these problems.

GOTTLIEB SIMON: I want to help develop more 'Neighborhood Power' and grassroots organization so we can solve our community problems. My work as Co-Chair of the Assembly's D.C. Government Committee and involvement in the drive to set up our ANC shows that I have the required experience and willingness to work.

FOR TREASURER (vote for one)

CLAYTON J. COTTRELL: Present Treasurer of SWNA, President of Waterside Towers Tenants Council, Inc. Interested in strong citizen participation in the Assembly.

CANDIDATES FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS

SMD 1 Town Square Towers, Town Square Commons, Town Square Townhouses, Waterside Towers, Town Center West (1000 & 1100 6th St.) (vote for two)

ALLEN PALM: Through the Arts Festival, Assembly, etc., I've become aware of our community problems, and am thus qualified to serve. I will work for you to help develop our community as you want it to become.

ERIC SEWELL: Past President of Waterside Tenants Council. Treasurer of SWCH. Member of D.C. United Way Board of Directors. Presently member of SWNA Executive Board. Consultant to D.C. Council for Planning & Staff Training.

SMD 2 Capitol Park Townhouses, High rises at 800 4th St., 101 - 103 and 301 G St. (vote for two)

SUSAN ABSHER: Resident of Capitol Park 5 years, both as tenant and homeowner. Employed as environmental specialist with EPA Office of Noise Abatement. Will work for quieter S.W. environment, in the library as well as on the streets.

MARION BUELKEN: During ten years in Capitol Park I have worked with SWNA on many issues: Schools, Shopping Center and Buzzard Point. Am currently the typist and member of editing staff of Southwester.

CHARLES W. HARGRAVE: Area resident - 14 years. I will work to make the SWNA a more effective organization in the community (to meet and to attempt to solve area problems) and to provide a forum in cooperation with the elected city officials, especially the ANC's.

SMD 3 Greenleaf Annex and High Rises at 201 Eye, 1001 & 1101 3rd Sts. (vote for two)

CLARA BREWER: Health Technician at SW Neighborhood Health Center. SW resident for 24 years. Chairman of Tri-

Clara Brewer: (continued) School PTA. Former Treas. & Vice Pres. of Assembly. Active in the Assembly since its beginning in 1959.

MARY LILLA BROWNE: Five years D.C. resident; attorney; interested in working together for better housing, transportation, safety, recreation and shopping facilities; and as a former librarian, in maintaining high standard of library service.

PHYLLIS MARTIN: Concerned about the following: employment for young people, recreation facilities & eliminating crime in SW. Will work to get more people involved in the Assembly.

SMD 4 Tiber Island, Harbour Square, Edgewater, Finley House, Channel Square & Ft. McNair (vote for two)

EUNICE BROOKS: Believes that every community should have that person who can effectively present your concerns to an Assembly that is active in current affairs and interested in issues, both large & small, that concern us from day to day in S.W.

RICKIE ORCHIN: has committed herself to community participation as Executive Director, Greater Washington Americans for Democratic Action, through her efforts as Coordinator of Committee to Support Home Rule, as former Southwest House Board member, SW International Food Festival, Neighborhood Planning Council No. 19, and founding member of Southwest 24 Hour Youth Assistance Center.

SPENCER SCOTT: Washington, S.W. resident since 1969. Co-Chairman of the D.C. Government Committee, S.W. Assembly. Retired D.C. Police Official; attended American University School of Government and Public Administration; wants an Informed, Involved and a wholesome living environment for All Residents of the South West Community. A Democrat for Community Involvement Candidate.

SMD 5 St. James, River Park & Carrollsbury Square (vote for two)

MAIR MOODY: SW resident for 2 yrs. Wants SW to be a pleasant and safe place for all age groups to live. Docent at Natural History Museum. Member of League of Women Voters.

LUCIA A. RAPLEY: My Concerns: Better schools, education, good clean shopping. Support of merchants, better housing and play areas. Down with crime and dirty streets. As a professional Nurse, etc., I will help.

EDWARD WEINBERG: Carrollsbury Square Condominium since 1969. Attorney, private practice. Formerly the Deputy Solicitor and Solicitor (General Counsel), United States Dept. of the Interior. Married. A strong believer in home rule and citizen participation in local affairs.

SMD 6 High rises at 1200 Delaware Ave. & 203 N St., James Creek between M & N Sts., 1200 block of Half St. & Carrollsbury Place (vote for two)

LORRAINE BRAWNER: SW resident for 20 years. SWCH Board of Directors, SW House Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. Instructor of Fundamentals of Music Theory at Syphax. Chairman, Committee of Concerned Parents.

SUNELLA DANCY: Resident of SW community for 7 years, active in community affairs, and a floor representative for 1200 Delaware Ave. Tenants Council. Employed as a Communications Technician for General Services Administration. Member of Friendship Baptist Church, S.W.

ROBERT GENTRY: Retired, able and capable to do constructive things today in SW for tomorrow.

SMD 7 James Creek between N & O Sts., Syphax Gardens, Housing on P, O, Q Sts. between S. Capitol St. & 2nd St. SW, on S. Capitol, Half, 1st & 2nd Sts. between O & Q Sts. (vote for two)

RUTH HENRY: As a mother and a provider, I am involved in a number of volunteer services to promote a wholesome community that requires the efforts of all of us. I am especially interested in continuing my efforts to improve the James Creek Area.

DELORES WILSON: Member of SWNA Executive Board, former secretary of Syphax Gardens Tenants Council, SW resident for 11 years, mother of six.

SWNA Election At Waterside Mall Thursday, Friday, Saturday -- March 18, 19 & 20

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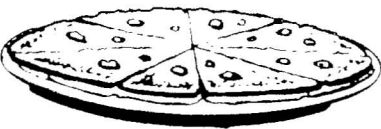
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Fort Lesley J. McNair Early History: 1790 - 1862

The land in Southwest Washington now known as Fort McNair is the oldest active military reservation in the nation. In 1790, George Washington set aside this strategic territory at the confluence of the Eastern Branch (Anacostia) and Potomac River for use as the city's primary defense installation and initially called the 'Arsenal'. Once a narrow strip of land, the post now has a rectangular contour and has grown over the years from 28 to 89 acres. A major expansion took place in 1857, when the Arsenal was extended from 'T' Street (the south side of the present tennis courts) to its present border on 'P' Street.

The post's first military action occurred on August 25, 1814, when British forces marched on the young Nation's Capital. The Arsenal was destroyed. In 1816, plans were drawn for a rectangular arsenal on the present site of the National War College. For many years the Arsenal was a distributing center for guns from the 'nearby manufacturies' and was used for designing and constructing war material, particularly explosives. Some contend that Fort McNair is the birthplace of the U.S. space program because rocket testing and manufacture were mentioned there as early as 1825.

In 1826, Congress authorized the construction at Fort McNair of a 'penitentiary' to be known as the Penitentiary of the District of Columbia (the first permanent D.C. Jail). Because of its name, most people assumed that the facility was only for District of Columbia prisoners. In future years, however, Federal prisoners were brought from other areas to the penitentiary on Greenleaf Point, S.W. Although the original plan was to have a model prison, the design of the building proved inadequate. In 1832, a separate facility was constructed, now called Quarters 20, with 64 cells, work rooms, and accommodations for attendants.

The facility operated for 30 years, and despite a series of crises and scandals, it was considered to be progressive for its time in the areas of health, welfare, and self-sufficiency. The penitentiary attempted to separate young convicts and first offenders from career criminals. The facility also provided job training for the eventual release of prisoners, many of whom became responsible citizens. Several former inmates entered the ministry. The penitentiary had strict rules, such as: 'No convict shall laugh, dance, whistle, sing, run, jump, disturb or alarm the peace of the prison.'

In 1862, with the advent of the Civil War, the penitentiary was closed and the buildings turned over to the War Department.

[This is the fourth article in a series on the history of Southwest Washington. A later article will cover the history of Ft. McNair after the Civil War. The cooperation of the Ft. McNair Office of Information is acknowledged and appreciated.]

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GOOD FRIDAY SW ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The annual SW Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held on April 16th from 12 - 1 pm at Waterside Mall, all park plaza area, between Westminster Presbyterian and Christ United Methodist Church.

CAPITOL PARK APARTMENT MINISTRY

An apartment house ministry is underway sponsored by several of the Southwest churches. A series of Open Houses are being held for new residents of Capitol Park (800 4th Street). in an effort to make life a little more human. Orientation packets will soon be ready for distribution. A game night was held in March within the building and plans are being made for a Square Dance at Christ United Methodist Church at 4th & Eye Sts. If you live in the building and wish to participate in planning activities, please contact Mary Seidell (347-4604) or Betsy Murray (393-3569).

AT ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lenten Services held on Wednesday evening, March 10 through April 7, at 7:30 pm.
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Southwest Community House announces a series of planning and rap sessions on 'Drug Prevention and Crime in our Community.' A Feb. meeting has already been held, and additional sessions are scheduled for March 18, April 29 and May 19 from 7:30 - 10:00 pm at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd and M Sts., SW. All SW residents are invited to attend these sessions. Leon Fields, Executive Director SWCH, is planning the series and Rev. Harold Goers and other SW leaders will participate. Guests and resource people from outside SW are being invited. This is a follow-up on the Feb. 5th Prayer Breakfast at which community, business and consumer leaders discussed community-wide problems. For further information, call SWCH 488-7210.

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WHO'S WHO IN SOUTHWEST

Marcy Gross, a resident of River Park, was sworn in on March 2nd as a member of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Mrs. Gross, who was appointed to a two year term, is employed as a Program Analyst with DHEW, Area Health Education Center Program.

The Commission is composed of 18 members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. The Commission was established in June to encourage and develop programs promoting progress in and greater appreciation and enjoyment of the Arts and Humanities. The Commission will make grants to individuals and groups for projects and productions in the Arts and Humanities.

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As an added service, Social Security will mail the green-colored checks directly to either bank each month, eliminating the risk of loss or theft. National Bank guarantees payment on the third of the month, or the first business day thereafter. This guarantee means that even if a check is delayed, the bank will still permit a customer to withdraw money. McLachlen will immediately notify a customer if the check is not received on time. Automatic deposit begins 60 - 90 days after the necessary forms are submitted. Both banks will provide the forms and help in filling them out.

The gold-colored Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks may also be sent directly to either bank for deposit.

Other Southwest banks can also arrange automatic deposit of Social Security and SSI checks but do not waive service charges.

Free banking services are the outcome of a citywide campaign waged by the Grey Panthers, an activist group of older adults.

SOUTHWEST HISTORICAL SERIES

By: Wilbur G. Hughes

Fort Lesley J. McNair Early History: 1790 - 1862

The land in Southwest Washington now known as Fort McNair is the oldest active military reservation in the nation. In 1790, George Washington set aside this strategic territory at the confluence of the Eastern Branch (Anacostia) and Potomac River for use as the city's primary defense installation and initially called the 'Arsenal'. Once a narrow strip of land, the post now has a rectangular contour and has grown over the years from 28 to 89 acres. A major expansion took place in 1857, when the Arsenal was extended from 'T' Street (the south side of the present tennis courts) to its present border on 'P' Street.

The post's first military action occurred on August 25, 1814, when British forces marched on the young Nation's Capital. The Arsenal was destroyed. In 1816, plans were drawn for a rectangular arsenal on the present site of the National War College. For many years the Arsenal was a distributing center for guns from the 'nearby manufactories' and was used for designing and constructing war material, particularly explosives. Some contend that Fort McNair is the birthplace of the U.S. space program because rocket testing and manufacture were mentioned there as early as 1825.

In 1826, Congress authorized the construction at Fort McNair of a 'penitentiary' to be known as the Penitentiary of the District of Columbia (the first permanent D.C. Jail). Because of its name, most people assumed that the facility was only for District of Columbia prisoners. In future years, however, Federal prisoners were brought from other areas to the penitentiary on Greenleaf Point, S.W. Although the original plan was to have a model prison, the design of the building proved inadequate. In 1832, a separate facility was constructed, now called Quarters 20, with 64 cells, work rooms, and accommodations for attendants.

The facility operated for 30 years, and despite a series of crises and scandals, it was considered to be progressive for its time in the areas of health, welfare, and self-sufficiency. The penitentiary attempted to separate young convicts and first offenders from career criminals. The facility also provided job training for the eventual release of prisoners, many of whom became responsible citizens. Several former inmates entered the ministry. The penitentiary had strict rules, such as: 'No convict shall laugh, dance, whistle, sing, run, jump, disturb or alarm the peace of the prison.'

In 1862, with the advent of the Civil War, the penitentiary was closed and the buildings turned over to the War Department.

[This is the fourth article in a series on the history of Southwest Washington. A later article will cover the history of Ft. McNair after the Civil War. The cooperation of the Ft. McNair Office of Information is acknowledged and appreciated.]

SOUTHWESTER STAFF: Mary Beth Minden, Sally Alexander, Raymond Johnson, Nan Roberts, Wilbur Hughes, John Ternus, Judy Nellum, Edward Nurenberg, Muriel Poland, Kathleen Stief, and Marion Buelken.

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PLANNING 7th ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Planning for the 7th Annual Festival of the Arts is underway. The Festival is held on a Sunday in May or early June in the Waterfront Park

between St. Augustine's Church/Temple Micah at 6th & M Sts. and Fort McNair. The Festival Committee is looking for artists and performers who would like to participate and for volunteers to help with arrangements. The standing committees are: White elephants, raffle tickets, festival buttons, concessions, coordinating of performing arts program, coordinating art displays & demonstrations of crafts. The first meeting will be held on March 11th. The meetings are held weekly each Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm promptly at St. Dominic's Church Assembly Room, 630 E St. SW. If you can't attend the meetings but can help in other ways (typing, phone calls, etc.), please contact Barbara Brannon at 554-2487. If you are new in SW, this is a good way to make new friends.

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SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

MEETING ON MARCH 25th at 8 pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
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Agenda:

Announcement of SWNA election results

Buzzard Point law suit report

'Friends of the Library' report

CITY COUNCIL INTENT OVERRULED ON WATERSIDE MALL

The Corporation Counsel has ruled, in response to an inquiry by the SWNA, that 25% of the Waterside Mall ground floor space can be government offices or professional and other services serving the Southwest Area.

In 1974, the Redevelopment Land Agency sought a variety of urban renewal plan amendments needed in order to complete Waterside Mall. The SWNA supported some of the amendments but suggested its own stipulation that all the ground floor space be reserved for neighborhood retail and personal service stores. The Planning Commission and the City Council passed a plan amendment which would require 75% of the ground floor to be so reserved. Both bodies stated in their committee reports that the remaining 25% should be used 'for professional offices and other services serving the Southwest area.' The opinion of the Corporation Counsel, presented in a letter from Ralph Werner, then Special Assistant Corporation Counsel, says that these statements of legislative intent are in no way binding on the new Department of Housing & Community Development, successor to RLA.

Mr. Werner also responded to the argument that government offices in the Town Center (Waterside Mall) area must be neighborhood-serving because of the language of the urban renewal plan authorizing 'offices for occupancy by government agencies and by professional & other services serving the Southwest Area.' He stated that neither the legislative history nor normal rules of legal interpretation would support a ruling that the phrase 'serving the Southwest Area' modifies 'government agencies.'

Meanwhile, despite the urban renewal plan amendments, which the community was urged to support in 1974 the mall still stands partially completed.

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PARENTS' MANDATE - K. - 6th in Sept. 1976

Approximately 125 people attended a public hearing on the reorganization of Tri-School held at Bowen School on April 12th.

The hearing was sponsored by the SW/Near SE Complex Planning Committee which is composed of parents, teachers, administrators and community residents.

The purpose of the hearing was to present information about the reorganization and to give the community an opportunity to express itself about the reorganization. Following a lengthy open discussion, a SW parent moved that: the SW elementary schools be reorganized - Kindergarten through sixth grade at each building in September 1976. The vote was 48 in favor; 21 opposed.

Dr. Dorothy Johnson, Region II Superintendent, stated that the planning committee now has a feel for what the community wants and will present its recommendation to the Region II Office concerning the reorganization. The Region II Office will be guided by that recommendation.

SW/SE ANC NEWS ITEMS

On March 11th at the 1st official meeting of the SW/SE ANC, election of officers was held. The following were elected: Chairperson, Wesley Long; Vice-Chairperson, Wilbur Hughes; Secretary, Terry Chisholm; and Treasurer, Richard Westbrook. The ANC, whose meetings are open, will be meeting on Wed., April 21st and May 5th at 8 pm at the EPA Building at Waterside Mall (use West Tower entrance). On May 19th a meeting will be held at Syphax School, Half and N Street, SW, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. This will be an open Community Meeting (public is invited - open discussion). On May 29th the ANC will cohost a joint meeting with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. Please send requests for agenda items to ANC 2D Post Office Box 24034

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Planning is underway by SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE for its 2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY FUND RAISING DINNER. It will be held on May 29th at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.

FRIENDS OF S.W. LIBRARY FORMED

by Russell Thackery

As a result of the February meeting of the S.W.N.A. at which problems of the SW Library were the main topic, an "action group" called Friends of the SW Library was formed.

Wilbur Hughes, 1435 4th Street, SW, who volunteered at the Assembly meeting to convene a meeting of those interested in helping solve the library's problems, was elected President of the new organization at its first meeting. Mr. Hughes, an elected member of the SW ANC, is a member of the House District Committee staff.

Plans for activities of the new group have been discussed at three meetings of the full membership, and at sessions of various committees, all in cooperation with the Library staff headed by Jody Pitsenberger. More than 60 individuals have indicated their interest in being active in the group. Tentative plans for incorporation of the "Friends" as a non-profit organization, gifts to which would be deductible for income tax purposes, have been made, and five major committees have been established. These include Government Relations, Program, Finance, Neighborhood Relations and Publicity.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be at 11 am on Sat., April 17 at the SW Library. All interested individuals are welcome.

JOINT MEETING OF SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE AND SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

Thursday, April 29, 1976
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PROJECT -- HOUSING

A task force has been set up to bring public housing in the District up to standards to comply with laws and to improve living conditions in public housing areas as far as possible. Volunteers are gathering information, learning specific problems from residents. Photos, taped interviews and the housing problem report will be assembled and studied to chart actions needed to accomplish Task Force goals.

Public Housing residents who have problems and who have not yet been contacted may call Sally Alexander, Director of the Housing Task Force. 488-0796.

LIBRARY WEEK AT AMIDON SCHOOL

Barilyn Moser, the librarian media specialist at Amidon School, said that Amidon celebrated National Library Week (April 1-7th) with an Open House -- giving all an opportunity to see the school's new open space library. In addition a Library Assembly Program was presented on Tuesday, April 6th. The exhibit of ESEA Title II funded library resources in the school and at the city-wide Bicentennial Educational Expo took place on April 5, 6 and 7 at the Sheraton Park Hotel. The Amidon Library has received for several years now educational materials and resources through the Title II funding. This past year the library received \$4,000 to reinforce the on-going project of "International Global Language Arts" for students and teachers.

Moser's International Protocol of Diplomacy Club members had a visit from Mrs. Tho of the International Women's Friendship Association and learned a great deal about China.

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RESULTS OF SWNA ELECTIONS - 1976

The new officers of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly are:

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The Single Member District Representatives are:

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SMD 2 Marion Buelken and Charles W. Hargrave
SMD 3 Clara Brewer and Mary Lilla Brown
SMD 4 Eunice M. Brooks and Spencer W. Scott
SMD 5 Lucia A. Rapley and Edward Weinberg
SMD 6 Senella Dancy and Robert Gentry
SMD 7 Ruth Henry and Delores Wilson

RUMMAGE SALE - DONATIONS NEEDED

Small household items, clothing and baked goods will be offered in a rummage sale to be held May 8 by the Southwest Senior Citizens Fellowship Club at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street, SW. Articles to be sold may be dropped off at 201 N Street, SW, Apt. 114.

Proceeds will be used for trips and picnics next summer. Additional details and time may be obtained by calling Mammie Hemphill, 554-7415 or Janie Johnson, 484-3135.

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For entertainment it will have a Mariachi band. A native shop and cantina [bar] will be in the front of the restaurant.

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By Wilbur G. Hughes

FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR

The previous article on Fort McNair (the 'Arsenal') covered its beginnings in 1790 through 1862 when the penitentiary was closed and the buildings turned over to the War Department.

During the Civil War there were two serious explosions at the Arsenal. In 1864, 21 women employees were killed in a powder explosion and around the same time two men were trapped and died as a result of a powder explosion. President Lincoln attended the funeral of the 21 women, which was held at the Congressional Cemetery.

On April 14, 1865, Lincoln was shot while attending Ford's Theatre. On the following morning he died and one of the most dramatic manhunts in the history of the nation began. A conspiracy was uncovered and the government began looking for the leader, John Wilkes Booth, and other conspirators. Once apprehended, the conspirators were thrown into the warship Saugus, which was anchored just off the southern tip of Fort McNair. Booth, however, was shot and killed during his capture.

All of the other conspirators were jailed on the second and third stories of the Ft. McNair penitentiary. The trial took place in the third floor courtroom of what was then a laundry and quarters for female prisoners. The accused were tried by a nine member Military Commission formed by executive order of President Andrew Johnson. The trial lasted 53 days, with 11 witnesses called for the prosecution and 128 for the defense.

On June 28 and 29, the Commission met secretly and voted the death penalty for Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, George Atzerodt and David Herold. The Commission also recommended that Mrs. Surratt's sentence be committed to life imprisonment, but apparently the message was never received by President Johnson. Life imprisonment was decided for Dr. Samuel Mudd, Samuel Arnold, and Michael O'Laughlin and Edmund Spangler was given a six year term.

On July 7, 1865, the Potomac River was crowded with Washingtonians in small boats all hoping to witness the execution. Only members of the military and the holders of 100 tickets were permitted to view the execution with the prison walls.

After being led to the scaffold, Powell stressed the innocence of Mrs. Surratt and stated that, "she does not deserve to die with the rest of us." After all were bound and hoods placed over their heads, the floor of the gibbet dropped and the execution was complete. One-half hour later, the four bodies were cut down, examined, placed in coffins and buried at the foot of the gallows, now the site of the practice board of the tennis courts. Along with Booth, Powell, Herold, Atzerodt and Mrs. Surratt had paid the penalty for President Lincoln's assassination. A recently published book on Washington's ghosts reports that Mrs. Surratt's apparition often appears on the grounds of Ft. McNair.

[This is the fifth article in a series on the history of Southwest Washington. The cooperation of the Ft. McNair Office of Information in the preparation of this article is appreciated.]



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There will be a gigantic and festive Information Center in Lansburgh Park. The day will be organized around a program of activities ranging from games, entertainment and music, to speakers, demonstrations, exhibits and displays.

We are asking you, as a valued member of the community, to participate in this "COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY." Each organization or agency will need an information table from which it may distribute literature, set up displays, give demonstrations, or just talk with the community about its services and programs. This will certainly be an opportunity for you to show and tell of all your assets.

We hope to make this a day of awareness, learning, and fun. Please, if you wish to participate, call the Library at 727-1381.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Printmaking Workshop - Saturday, April 24, 10:00 am to 1 pm. Conducted by George Smith, Art Instructor, Federal City College. Completed prints will be featured as the May window display.

Preschool Film Program - Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am.

After School Movies - Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.

Tuesday Flicks - Syphax Recreation Center, Half & N St. Sw 7:00 pm.

Library Movies at Greenleaf - Greenleaf Recreation Center, 203 N Street, SW, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

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Friends of the Southwest Library Meetings - Call for dates and times.


SOUTHEASTERN GRADUATION

A bicentennial class of 49 graduate students will receive their Masters Degrees from Southeastern University at the annual commencement exercises to be held at the Departmental Auditorium, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW at 8pm, Monday, April 26.

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tennial Programs, with their vast resources, this festival
should be a very exciting event.

As stated by the Office of Bicentennial Programs, this
celebration of the arts will include all kinds of perform-
ing and graphic events as the plan is to bring together
diverse elements of the City's culture and community
service programs in a two day festival which will attract
the widest possible audience.

In past years, the Southwest Festival of the Arts com-
mittee has raised money by selling Festival buttons,
raffle tickets -- prizes donated by local merchants --
and holding white elephant sale. The committee plans
to continue with these events again this year. Profits
from the 1975 festival, over one thousand dollars, were
awarded to individuals and agencies sponsoring pro-
grams in the arts, crafts and performing arts for children
in the Southwest. Recipients were Southwest Day Care
Association, John Terry's Dance Ensemble and South-
west Library Camera Project.

There is much planning to be done for this year's festi-
val. Meetings are held each Thursday night at St. Domi-
nic's Church Assembly Room, 630 E St. SW from 6:30
to 7:30 pm. Interested persons are welcome to attend.
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Barbara Brannan and Livvy Long are coordinating this
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MAY 1976

1. Presentation on Public Housing Study
2. Community Hearing on Public Housing Study
3. Vote on Proposed Public Housing Resolution
4. Hearing on other Community Issues

GRADES K - 6 for SEPTEMBER 1976

Dr. Dorothy Johnson, Region II Supt., announced that her office will honor request to reorganize Tri-School. After the April 12th public hearing at Bowen School, the School Planning Commission in an April 29th letter to Dr. Johnson "reaffirmed their decision to recommend that Syphax, Bowen and Amidon each have grades K - 6 in September 1976."

The Region II Office is proceeding with implementation of the plan, i.e., assignment of faculty; moving of some equipment; reminder notices of school assignment to be sent to each parent (before school closes) based on earlier choice of school selected by parent for their children to attend.

Dr. Johnson also announced that Amidon School will have regular summer school for grades 3 - 8 and Syphax School will have Title I summer school for grades 1 - 3.

PARCEL 76 DECISION

In a summary judgment delivered April 30, Judge Jones of D.C. Superior Court denied the claims of plaintiffs L'Enfant Plaza Properties and Moeber, et al., that Parcel 76 was being developed in violation of their rights under the Southwest Urban Renewal Plan.

As a result of the ruling, National Housing Partnerships, developer of the 139 units of moderate-income housing planned for the site, will now be pressing HUD to move quickly to conditional commitment. Then NHP says it will proceed with final drawings to submit for firm HUD commitment.

There is another hurdle to overcome due to METRO's failure to soundproof their track abutting the development. BIA is currently negotiating with METRO as to the financing of the additional soundproofing required.

SWNA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE

Last year's SW College Scholarship Fund was so successful in raising \$4,085.18 that it was able to support a SW student at each of the following colleges: Albright College, Tuskegee Institute, Howard University and George Washington Univ.

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GETTING SW RESIDENTS BACK ON THE STREETS

Finley House Apt. Ministry Group has launched a series of evening strolls each Monday at 7:30 pm, meet in Lower Lobby of 1425 4th Street. Hopefully, strolls will be increased to each evening in the near future. Interested SW residents are invited. The walk includes waterfront park, Waterside Mall, arriving back at Finley House no later than 8 pm. Details: 554-4753.

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May 28, Fri.	Bicentennial Spring Festival, Bowen School, 1 pm at gym - Delaware & M
May 29, Sat.	2nd Annual Community Service Day Dinner (SWCH Fund Raiser) L'Enfant Plaza Ballroom - Cocktails 6:30 pm - Dinner 7:30
May 29, 30, 31	SW Branch & all D.C. Libraries will be closed.
June 2, Wed.	SW/SE ANC Meeting, EPA Auditorium in the West Tower at Waterside Mall 8 pm
June 5, Sat.	Library Open House Day, sponsored by the Friends of the SW Library. Movies, tours, refreshments, For more information, call 727-1381
June 5, Sat.	Workshop for Neighborliness & Safety, all day Christ Methodist Church at 4th & I — (see story for advance registration)
June 8, Tues.	Field Day Program, Amidon School Field, 4th & I St. SW — 1:30 pm
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SOUTHWEST HISTORICAL SERIES - No. 6

by Wilbur G. Hughes

Southwest Once an Island

An island is defined as a body of land surrounded by water. Southwest in the 19th Century fit this definition and "Tiber Island" has remained one local designation for the area.

Pierre L'Enfant's original plan for the Federal City included a canal to run from the mouth of the Tiber Creek (Goose Creek) to the Anacostia River. In 1810, a congressionally chartered company began construction of the canal and the project was completed in 1815 and officially designated the "Washington Canal".

The canal was supposed to lend an elegant European character to the Mall area of the Federal City and serve as an economic magnet for the location of small manufacturing and shipping establishments along the canal's course in Southwest. This economic development promised for Southwest did not materialize, nor did the canal ever lend an elegant character to the Mall. Instead, almost from the beginning, the canal served chiefly as a dumping place for trash and garbage, gave off noxious odors, and actually stifled the commercial and residential development of Southwest.

The canal might have been a success, if the original L'Enfant plan had been fully executed. L'Enfant proposed the construction of a 40-foot cascade of water down the west front of the Capitol. This cascade was to be an aesthetic feature of the Capitol and render a practical service by creating a current to keep the canal open, free of silt, and supplied daily with new water. Therefore, the failure to construct this cascade apparently doomed whatever aesthetic, economic, and functional value the Washington Canal could ever present to the Federal City and Southwest.

In 1872 a major public works program was initiated in the District of Columbia and much of the Washington Canal located in Southwest was channeled into sewers and filled. By 1873, however, the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, built along the line of Maryland and Virginia Avenues, continued to make access difficult and to cut Southwest off from the rest of the City, thereby hindering the development of the area for the remainder of the 19th Century.

In Southwest today, two concrete reminders of the Washington Canal remain. Canal Street, between Independence Avenue and South Capitol Street, was once the location of a section of the Washington Canal. Another reminder is Canal Street just east of the Greenleaf apartments which traces the canal's route through that section of Southwest.



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Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments at the Community Social at Law House during the Festival weekend. Donations of potato chips and other appetizers will also be appreciated. Contact Bob Gentry 488-3298.

The sale of Bicentennial Festival buttons and raffle tickets will raise funds to support community programs in the arts during the coming year. Buttons may be obtained from Paul Willoughby, 554-2540. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Bob Peaks, 554-2335.

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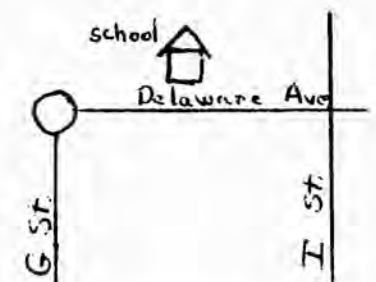
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REPAIR CAMPAIGN BEGINS

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NEW POLICY AT FORT McNAIR

Since initiating policy which allows SW organizations to use Fort McNair recreational facilities when scheduling permits, Post Commander William Eaton has asked the Assembly's Recreation Committee to coordinate all Southwest organizational requests. SW groups may contact Mrs. Clara Brewer at 629-5961 or 484-8692. At the present time, youth are enjoying swimming two afternoons each week.

ANC CONTINUES TO PRESS THE CITY

In its latest move to press the city to improve conditions in area public housing, the SW/SE ANC has asked Lorenzo Jacobs, head of the city's housing department, to arrange an inspection tour of these units in early November. This tour will follow an intensive campaign to complete maintenance work requested by tenants. Purpose of the tour will be to evaluate his department's efforts to take care of housing problems.

Jacobs was also again asked to provide a full accounting of federal funds (several million dollars) designated for improving public housing in our neighborhood; to provide a plan for preventive maintenance; to explain his department's procurement procedures (tenants have complained that stoves recently purchased do not fit their kitchens); and, to remedy complaints revealed in the housing survey conducted by the ANC's Task Force on Housing. The ANC/Task Force campaign, supported by the SW Assembly, has received wide publicity in the Star, the Post, Newsworks and WRC-TV. ("How a Neighborhood Fights for its Rights" headlined the Star.)

Bulletin: SOUTHWEST HOUSE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, 401 M Street, SW, continues to sell food stamps.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

MEETING ON JULY 29th at 8 pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Delaware Ave. & M Street, SW

Agenda:

Awarding SWNA 1976 College Scholarships
RAMS Story - slide presentation on Randall
Aerospace/Marine Science High School

DELEGATES SOUGHT TO D.C. FEDERATION

Affirmative votes were in the majority concerning the Assembly's decision to join the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, which has 29 other civic associations as members. Meetings are held monthly on the 4th Friday, 8 pm, at City Council chambers. The Assembly is entitled to six delegates, one of whom shall be a senior high school student. Maxine McCraven and Spencer Scott have volunteered to serve as delegates. Three additional delegates and a senior high school student delegate are needed. Those interested in serving should call SWNA President, Mrs. Kathy Stief at 484-8137 or write c/o Southwester at P. O. Box 8194.

SYPHAX PLAYGROUND TO BE REOPENED

At the June 29th meeting of the SWNA's Recreation Committee, Mr. Wallace Darius, Area Recreation Director, announced that the Syphax Recreation Center, located in the basement of Syphax School, has been condemned and closed. Mr. Darius, at the request of the committee, agreed to initiate recreation activities on Syphax Playground which has the only track located in SW.

JULY IS BEST TIME FOR SCHOOL PHYSICALS, SAYS SW HEALTH CENTER

Mothers of school age children are urged to arrange now for school physicals. "July is a slow month at the Southwest Community Health Center, and appointments can be quickly scheduled," according to Mrs. Gloria Morris, pediatrics nurse. "Unfortunately," says Mrs. Morris, "most mothers wait until the last minute to call us. So there's a mad rush in late August and September, and we can't see everyone right away."

Children receive complete physical examinations at the Health Center, including blood tests for lead poisoning. They also receive their immunization certificates which are required for school registration. Hearing and vision tests are given, especially to children entering school for the first time.

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MALL COMMITTEE FORMED

Due to the widespread concern among Southwest residents about the future of the Waterside Mall, a coalition of citizens was formed about two months ago to address the issues. About 35 citizens have signed up for the SAVE OUR MALL (SOM) group thus far. Last month's Assembly meeting focused primarily on this issue.

Five Task Forces are being formed to cover the range of strategies and concerns. They are: (1) Physical Environs; (2) Political Action; (3) Violations & Defaults; (4) Market Study; and (5) Legal Fund-raising.

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35,000 ATTEND IN SOUTHWEST

City Celebration - Bicentennial Edition hosted by SW Festival of the Arts on the SW Waterfront June 12 and 13 attracted over 35,000 people. Arrangements and programming were handled by the D. C. Office of Bicentennial Programs.

Members of the SWFA committee with the assistance of many wonderful SW neighbors sold commemorative buttons, raffle tickets, white elephants and plants. Over two thousand dollars was collected this year and as in the past, the profits generated from these activities will be used to finance arts and crafts projects for SW residents. At the present time, the committee is considering proposals submitted by recognized community groups. Last year SWFA helped sponsor a SW Branch Library photography project, gave financial support to the SW Youth Awareness Dance Group and helped the SW Day Care Association with materials for their arts and crafts program.

The SWFA committee extends thanks to the many residents and businesses of the SW who participated in the 7th annual Southwest Festival of the Arts.

Southwest Festival of the Arts Committee: Andy Besaha, Laverne Brandon, Barbara Brannan Co-chairman, Clayton J. Cottrell, Alice Denham, Barbara Diggs, Janet Hampton, Doris Ivery, James E. Jones, Liz Lacy, Livvy Long Co-chairman, Roberta McGuigan, Robert C. Peake, Don Swanson, Juanita Walker, Paul Willoughby.

The SW Neighborhood Assembly's Community Social at Law House during the City Celebration realized a net profit of \$775.

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**ASSEMBLY VOTES FUNDS FOR BUZZARD
POINT LAWSUIT**

The Assembly voted that funds be raised to help defray expenses incurred in Buzzard Point lawsuit. It was proposed that the Assembly have a boat ride/box dinner fund raiser, similar to the one held last September. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Southwest Community House and the Waterside Towers Tenants Council are among five plaintiffs in the suit against GSA: for non-compliance with National Environmental Protection Act, for not following guidelines in acquiring office space, and for ignoring long-standing regional plans which provided that the area be a park. On July 14th Chief Judge Jones held a status hearing on the case at which time GSA indicated a tenant is still being sought for the building. Initially the S.E.C. was selected to occupy the building, and more recently GSA decided that the Agency for International Development would not be moved into the building. The court will allow GSA 30 days in which to file motions and will hear the case in 120 days - November.

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MEETING

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES STATE VIEWS ON TWO SOUTHWEST ISSUES

The Southwester invited seven candidates for the D.C. City Council, running in the Sept. 14th primary, to explain their positions on two issues important to the Southwest community. Candidates were asked to suggest ways to improve public housing and the Waterside Mall shopping center.

Five candidates replied. Three are running for the Ward 2 seat: Spencer Scott, Leroy Washington and incumbent John Wilson. All are democrats. Two of the four at-large candidates also responded. Democrats Marion Barry, Jr. and John G. Martin replied, while Republican Jerry Moore and Josephine Butler of the D.C. Statehood Party did not. Barry and Moore are incumbents.

Some of the following statements were excerpted because of limited space.

QUESTION 1:

How would you get the City Council to be effective in improving the conditions of public housing in Southwest?

SPENCER SCOTT (Candidate from Ward 2) --

Public housing in S.W. has been neglected for years. Caretaker attitudes as manifest by the D.C. government in this area, leads to inefficient and costly results. If elected, I will offer a legislative program designed to rehabilitate public housing which can then be sold to present tenants at a reasonable cost and with nominal mortgages.

LEROY WASHINGTON (Candidate from Ward 2) --

Public housing in S.W. is extremely limited and because of land scarcity, opportunities for expanding such housing would appear impossible. Consequently, I would exert efforts to work with the Housing and Community Development Department to assure that the housing that does exist is brought up to acceptable standards and is maintained at that level.

JOHN WILSON (Candidate from Ward 2) --

Through passage of my legislation -- D. C. Resident Council Act (No. 1-221) -- which gives Resident Councils of each public housing complex powers to devise and control rules of tenant behavior, how maintenance and security money is to be spent, and it and to whom building management may be contracted.

MARION BARRY, JR. (At-large candidate) --

We need a new Director of Housing and Community Development who will be more responsive to the citizens' needs. We must continue to pass resolutions, write bills and raise hell about

the situation; and residents must continue their organizational efforts to bring pressure on the Department.

JOHN G. MARTIN (At-large candidate) --

Public housing problems in S.W. exist because of confused responsibility. I would therefore recommend (1) that accountability and responsibility for safety, health conditions, and the general welfare of S.W. public housing be clearly established, (2) that the S.W. community make use of existing laws, the ward council person, ANC's, and at-large city council members to insure public housing improvement.

QUESTION 2

How would you get the City Council to be effective in saving Waterside Mall and having it be a viable shopping area for SW residents?

SPENCER SCOTT (Candidate from Ward 2) --

The Waterside Mall fiasco cannot be saved exclusively through legislation. Aspects of the Mall are in clear violation of existing regulations, none of which have ever been enforced. Councilman Wilson has done nothing to encourage the D.C. Corporation Counsel to file suit against developers. If elected, I propose to take immediate steps to cause D.C. Corporation Counsel to initiate a suit against the Mall's developers.

LEROY WASHINGTON (Candidate from Ward 2) --

I would push the Council to use this facility as a lead example of economic development for the betterment of the entire Southwest community. This could be accomplished by direct city subsidies to minority and other small businessmen so that they would provide the kinds of services required by the community.

JOHN WILSON (Candidate from Ward 2) --

Through my legislation -- RLA Acquisition Limitation Act (No. 1-1). Language from this bill, requiring Council approval of urban renewal acquisitions or modifications, has been incorporated into the Community Development Block Grant package. Possibilities for community control over development of the Waterside Mall are now much greater than before.

MARION BARRY (At-large candidate) --

Many of the Southwest Mall shops have long term leases. Therefore, it is very difficult to change the shops that are there. I have urged the Council's Housing Committee to meet with the developers, city housing department officials and residents of Southwest in order to come up with a viable solution which will begin to turn around what has become the shame of Southwest.

JOHN G. MARTIN (At-large candidate) --

If the Southwest community submitted a demand to save Waterside Mall as a viable shopping center then I would vote for and urge other members to honor the will of Southwest residents.

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HELICOPTER PAD IN SW? PROPOSED

The Metropolitan Police Dept. is seeking the views of SW residents concerning their proposal to relocate their helicopter pad on the Pier of the Police Harbor Unit. The Dept's three helicopters are operating out of Anacostia Naval Station until Sept. 1 when they will use National Airport. They expect their time of response to be increased at National since all flights must first be cleared with the control tower. Thus the SW alternative is being proposed by the MPD. Lt. Layfield, Chief of the Helicopter Unit, will be at the August 26th Assembly meeting where the proposal will be presented to the SW community.

TRIBUTE TO CLAYTON COTTRELL

In accepting the resignation of Clayton J. Cottrell as SWNA Treasurer, a post he had held for the past 1½ years, Assembly President Kathleen Stief expressed thanks for the superb job he had done as Treasurer. Clay also served as Treasurer of many special events of the Assembly, such as the last 2 International Food & Fun Festivals. Recently he had completed his term as President of Waterside Towers Tenants Council. We wish Clay success in his new job as Director of Community Development for Los Angeles County, California.

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OPINION PIECE

By John Ternus

Books locked up impart no knowledge. Nevertheless, locked up they are, the volumes in Southwest Branch of the Public Library from 5:30 pm Friday until 1 pm Monday, when the facility is closed each weekend.

Activity swarms around the branch, stores and bars are crowded, traffic clogs the streets, youths play in the parks, but none has access to the books in Southwest Branch. (Other branches presumably are likewise handicapped, but we are concerned with the one in our home community).

This closure is all the more regrettable because weekends often are the only time working people can get to a library. An administrator in the District of Columbia Library System says not unexpectedly that it is a budgetary problem, aggravated by the last contract with Local 1808 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees requiring a full day's pay for a half day of work, a device which might have been employed to keep the Library open Saturday mornings as in the past.

Monteria Hightower also points out that on Monday mornings the Southeast Branch at 7th and D Streets is open, hardly a consolation to those employed throughout the week. She adds that the six employees of the Southwest Branch cannot keep it open more than 40 hours per week. She suggests that complainants appear at the library trustee's board meetings held each second Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Library, 901 G Street, NW. Parking is available on Tenth Street. Southwest residents with an aversion to locked libraries should attend those meetings. They should ask in no uncertain terms why means cannot be found to keep the Southwest Branch open at least a part of each weekend.

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PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE INVESTIGATED BY ANC TASK FORCE

The procedure which tenants of public housing should follow in requesting maintenance was clarified in a meeting August 27 between District housing officials and the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission Task Force on Public Housing.

A common complaint among tenants is that their requests for repairs and replacements are ignored. In response, housing management often denies receiving work requests from tenants. The Property Management Administration (PMA) advised the ANC Task Force that tenants should get a "control number" from housing managers at the time a maintenance request is made. A tenant is also entitled to receive a copy of the work order. Later, the tenant is supposed to sign the work order to indicate that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

The ANC Task Force is still requesting budget details and expenditures for several special housing programs as demanded in the SW/SE Public Housing Resolution of May 1976. The Task Force is scheduled to meet September 22 with Lorenzo W. Jacobs, Director of Housing and Community Development.

Persons who wish to communicate with the ANC or the Housing Task Force may write SW/SE ANC, P.O. Box 24034, Washington, D.C. 20024.

NO POLICE HELICOPTER STATION PLANNED FOR SOUTHWEST

The police helicopter station has moved from Bolling Air Force Base to National Airport and will stay there, according to Deputy Chief Bernard D. Crooke, Director of the Planning and Development Division of the D.C. Metropolitan Police.

In answer to an inquiry from House D.C. Committee Chairman, Charles C. Diggs, Jr., Crooke said consolidation of helicopter facilities with harbor facilities on the S.W. Channel is "not feasible."

FUN AND FOOD

Plans are underway for the Assembly's 4th International Food Festival, scheduled for Sunday, November 21st. Committee members are needed in the following areas:

International food donations, ticket sales, publicity, collection of silent auction items, donations of live auction items, entertainment and decorations.

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1. Panel on Waterside Mall, including city officials
2. Status Report from Save Our Mall Committee
3. Vote on Proposed Resolution on Waterside Mall
4. Confirmation of Barbara Brannon as SWNA's Treasurer

CREDIT UNION CONTINUES TO GROW

The Southwest Home Community Federal Credit Union has achieved self-sufficient status. Long subsidized by a grant from the United Planning Organization as a community development organization, the Credit Union this summer reached the point that the grant has been discontinued. The continuing strong support of the community of this organization and the continued growth of Waterside Mall have been the two major factors in this achievement, according to the Manager, Vincent Devitt.

Activities scheduled by the Credit Union this month will tell you more about what they are and what they do for the community. These activities continue to be high in the Southwest community and help people and organizations are eagerly sought.



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Town Center Management still has not fully complied with the City's letter of June 4, 1976, ordering them to "move all materials" from the parking lot on the north side of the Safeway. SOM will make plans to call in the press if this is not taken care of by the Town Hall meeting on Sept. 30th.

At the Assembly meeting on August 26, Councilman John Wilson indicated that he had begun discussions with a law firm about a possible suit regarding legal violations at Waterside Mall. He said he was setting up a legal fund in this regard. In addition, the ANC hopes to secure legal support from the Georgetown Law Center's Street Law Project.

THANKS FOR HELPING AND WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN AUGUST 1977.

That's the message from Bobbie McMahon, Planning Committee Coordinator of the recent fourth annual Family Day to residents who volunteered aid and organizations which gave donations. Some 3,000 youths and adults consumed hot dogs, crabs, chicken hamburger patties, cotton candy and sodas while listening to four live bands.

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LIBRARY NEWS

New Fall-Winter hours at the Southwest Branch Library and a new **Children's Librarian** have been announced for the facility. Under the schedule, the branch will be open Saturdays. The hours are: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Erika Stokes, Children's Librarian, is a graduate this year of Catholic University with a degree in Library Science. She had four years experience as assistant children's librarian in NE Washington before coming here. She will supervise "make it, take it" craft programs on alternate Wednesdays, with "rock painting" the choice on September 29 and "monster bag puppets" October 13.

The first annual meeting of the recently incorporated **Friends of the Library** will meet September 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the SW Branch, with an election of officers on the agenda. Wilbur Hughes, current president, says an activities program for the Fall also will be drawn up. All members, whether they have paid their dues or not, are urged to attend. Bill No. 1-243 which would allow participation of volunteers in library programs is pending before the DC City Council Government Operations Committee. The Friends are expected to testify in its favor.

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The S.W. Neighborhood Assembly gave its endorsement to SWYNG (the organization now called FOSY). Southwest residents willing to join in this effort are invited to contact Sally Alexander, FOSY president at 488-0796.

WATERFRONT CONSTRUCTION

A lot of building is going on down on the Southwest Waterfront. The Redevelopment Land Agency provides these details:

In addition to the tunnel being built underneath the Washington Channel, between Hogates and the Flagship restaurants, a two-pier parking lot is under construction between the Flagship and Maine Ave. And on the waterfront itself, about 75 new boat slips are being built behind the Channel Inn. These are to be used at first to replace those slips temporarily displaced by the tunnel construction up the waterfront. But after the tunnel is completed, the old boat slips will be replaced, and the 75 or so new ones are expected to remain. Eventually - within the next three to four years, - another 75 slips will be added, and construction of boat space in that area will be complete.

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PRE SCHOOL AT AMIDON AND BOWEN

The Pre School program at Bowen is completely enrolled and the K has a waiting list. At Amidon there are still a few openings in both the regular pre school (must be 4 by 12/31) and the Recreation Dept. program (must be 3 by 12/31). Two sections of kindergarten are operating at Amidon. The children who attended the summer pre-kindergarten make up the first section, who attend on an all-day basis and are continuing with the Distar reading program. The second section has been split into morning and afternoon sessions, though possibly they will be switched to an all-day session later in the year.

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MALL RESOLUTION PASSES

At the joint meeting of the Southwest Assembly and the SW/SE ANC on September 30, an unusually large group of Southwest citizens passed an Assembly resolution which the ANC will consider at its next business meeting. The resolution reprimands the Mayor for his inaction on Waterside Mall and requests John Wilson to hold hearings on the problems of Waterside Mall in the near future. The Resolution, published here in its entirety states:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY PERTAINING TO THE WATERSIDE MALL

WHEREAS, the residents of Southwest have been awaiting the completion of a viable and attractive shopping mall at Waterside Mall for the past ten years;

WHEREAS, the Waterside Mall is a blighted condition causing disruption of the life of the Southwest community despite large amounts of public funds having been spent to eliminate blight in the Southwest Urban

Renewal Area;

WHEREAS, the present unfinished construction of Waterside Mall is a hazard to the residents of Southwest;

Whereas, the government of the District of Columbia has failed to accept its responsibility toward reversing these blighted conditions;

WHEREAS, the residents of Southwest and the city need commercial outlets, jobs and the tax revenue that a completed Waterside Mall can provide;

WHEREAS, Walter E. Washington, Mayor of the District of Columbia, has failed to reply to our letter of August 16, 1976, requesting a meeting with the Mayor and assistance from the appropriate professional staff of the city government in resolving this complex issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY.

That the Mayor be reprimanded for his longstanding indifference and inaction on this matter; and,

That the Ward II Councilman, John A. Wilson, be advised to hold sworn comprehensive public hearings on the aforementioned problems and their resolution in the near future.

BAND CONCERT - Oct 24 - Fort McNair

Fort McNair extends an invitation to the residents of Southwest to attend a concert presented by the U.S. Army Band & Chorus. The concert will be held on Sunday, October 24, at 3 p.m. on the parade ground of Fort Lesley J. McNair.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY MEETING

Thursday, October 28, 1976 at 8 p.m.
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Delaware Avenue & M Street, S.W.

Agenda:

Zoning for residential S.W. Urban Renewal Area

Buzzard's Point Law Suit

Tribute to Jody Pitsenberger

Voting for Southwest Community House Board of Directors

TWO PERSPECTIVES ON THE MALL

On June 25, Mr. Charles Bresler of Town Center Management Corporation sent a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority requesting information on a number of specific items related to the subway construction. He stated, "As you are aware, the failure to provide this information is preventing completing of final plans and construction of the Mall."

The Southwester recently obtained a letter written by Bechtel Associates on September 1 in response to Mr. Bresler's letter. The letter states, "In conclusion, we are not aware that this WMATA project is preventing completion of final plans and construction of the Mall. We will cooperate with you in any way possible . . ."

Galen Yoder of the SAVE OUR MALL coalition when contacted about the letter stated that SOM doesn't want to draw any final conclusions about which of the letters is accurate. However, the coalition plans to get to the bottom of the two letters soon.

SENIOR CITIZENS MAKE CERAMICS FOR SALE

Ceramics made by Southwest House senior citizens may now be ordered as gifts. The crafts group uses ceramic molds purchased through a grant from the Southwest Arts Festival. Available by special order are ceramic Christmas trees, canister sets, cookie jars, trays and figurines. Items are on display at Christ Methodist Church, 4th & I Streets, on weekdays from 10: A.M. to 4 P.M. Use I Street entrance. For further information, contact Jean Carson at 488-0855.



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ANC HOUSING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES PUBLIC HOUSING CHIEF TOURS AREA

On Friday, October 8 D.C. housing chief Lorenzo Jacobs toured public housing conditions in the SW/SE ANC area. The tour, organized by the ANC Task Force on Housing, was designed to show Jacobs, first hand, a sample of complaints public housing tenants have. Jacobs earlier had questioned the results of the Task Forces' spring survey which had found hundreds of outstanding tenant complaints.

The housing department director, who showed up for the tour with an entourage of nearly one dozen aides, was shown examples of falling plaster, gaping holes in ceilings, plumbing that runs cold in the sink and hot in the toilet, rat and mice holes, boarded up windows, and equipment that doesn't work. Some of these problems, tenants complained to their landlord have existed uncorrected for years despite repeated reports to the housing offices. One tenant of Syphax Gardens on the other hand, who hadn't reported her need for a new kitchen floor, explained, "ain't no use because they (the Housing Department) ain't gonna do anything about it." Jacobs did not bother to dispute her.

Maintenance of the grounds and "common areas" is also a serious problem at several properties. For instance one tenant complained that her latest electrical bill was double the usual rate because the power company billed her for estimated, rather than actual use, because the meter reader refused to enter the basement to read her meter. He complained of ticks and uncollected refuse.

It was apparent that bureaucracy (red tape and divided responsibility) is a problem in keeping up public housing. For example, a number of trash compactors in the Carrolsburg Dwellings in SE are beyond repair and so the housing department has decided to weld all the trash chutes shut and to replace them with garbage cans. Unless sealed, the chutes collect refuse and fires break out. Since they have no "qualified welder" on the maintenance staff, the housing dept. must contract for these services. And since it would be wasteful to bring in a welder on a piecemeal basis, they plan to wait and seal all the chutes at the same time. However, the Environmental Services Department hasn't yet bought the trash containers they have promised. Until they do, the housing department doesn't want to close down the chutes that have working compactors. So, some of the chutes continue to fill up with garbage . . .

Welvin Goodwin, overall supervisor of housing units in the ANC area, took notes on the problems presented by the Task Force and promised that they would be corrected. Task Force members said that they would monitor progress on these complaints and let Jacobs and Goodwin know if they weren't fixed.

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To compete for the 2 special door prizes (see front page for details) your tickets must be purchased before Nov. 18th. Festival proceeds will be used for The SOUTHWESTER and other Assembly activities. Organizations desiring to provide entertainment should contact Maxine McCraven (484-5855).



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Twenty four board members will be elected to the thirty nine member board from among the thirty one nominees listed below:

- Andrew Bonds, Consultant for Metro
- Ms. Freddie Booker, Asst. Dir., The Kreisler Corp.
- Dr. Sylvester Booker, Medical Doctor
- Lorraine Brawner, Teacher's Aide, Bowen School
- Lucille Brewer, Social Worker, Student at American Univ.
- Dr. Charlotte Brooks, Professor, American Univ.
- Joy Davis, Retired Social Worker
- Vince Devitt, Mgr., SW House Fed. Credit Union
- Walter Dodd, River Park Board of Directors
- James Eighmie, Housing Consultant
- Clarence Green, ANC Rep., Pres., SW Tenant Council
- Robert Gordon (Flash) Environmental Services
- Iona Hargrave, Housewife
- Madlene Harris, Housewife
- Rev. J. Renton Hunter, God Bethel Pentacostal Tabernacle
- Robert Johnson, Youth Worker, D.C. Dept. Recreation
- Sam Jordan, Special Assistant to the Director of DHR
- Rev. McCalvin, Housing Coordinator, Greenleaf Gardens
- Robert McCormick, Education Specialist
- Paul Proctor, Vice Pres., Cavalier A.C. Steward
- Bernard Reaves, Supr. Youth Employment Community Care
- Spencer Scott, Former Candidate for City Council Ward II
- Eric Sewell, President, TW Corp.
- Robert Smith (Gene) Government Supervisor
- Howard Stone, Retired Government Employee
- Fannie Thomas, Volunteer, SW Community House
- Arthur Thorogood, Youth Counselor, Cedar Knoll
- John Vaughn, Director, SHACK Drug Clinic
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Last month's benefit boatride had a profit of \$250. However, additional funds are needed to cover legal expenses. Donations (tax deductible) may be sent to Southwest Community Council, Inc. with notation to Buzzards Point Legal Fund, c/o P. O. Box 8194, S.W. Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. A more complete status report on the suit will be given at the Oct. 28th Assembly meeting by Larry Weston, Director of Community Resources, Metropolitan Washington Planning & Housing Association.



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Among Simon's immediate problems is finding a location for the ANC's office. Although the ANC has a budget large enough to rent commercial office space, its budget comes from taxes and the Commissioners have hoped to conserve public money by finding space in existing public buildings. The ANC hopes that space can be found on the second floor of the library, which the library has been forced to close down because of continuous budget cuts, or in one of the two vacant "demountable" classrooms at Amidon.

Arrangements for a special election to fill the SMD-5 seat vacated in September by Terry Chisholm have hit a snag. Special legislation passed during the summer by the City Council sets November 1977 as the next date for filling ANC vacancies. Several possibilities, including a write-in election on November 2, are currently being explored.

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MAYOR CALLS MEETING WITH S.O.M.

Mayor Walter Washington has asked the Save Our Mall group to meet with him and other city officials on November 15. The invitation followed passage of a joint resolution of the SW Neighborhood Assembly and the SW/SE ANC which reprimanded the Mayor for his indifference to the blighted condition of the Waterside Mall. Results of the meeting will be reported in the December issue of the SOUTHWESTER.

Meanwhile, the S.O.M. committee is preparing for public hearings to be held by the City Council early next year.

EARLIER DATE FOR METRO?

The Waterfront Station (4th & M St.) is on the Anacostia Branch Avenue line. This line is scheduled for completion in June 1983, seven years from now. The Waterfront Station itself is ahead of schedule and is nearing completion. With the September, 1980, completion of the route from the Pentagon to L'Enfant and Gallery Place, train service to Waterfront Station could commence in 1980. This would require a crossover to permit east-bound trains to Waterfront Station to change to west-bound out of Waterfront Station.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) have written a letter to Sterling Tucker, President of WMATA, requesting that this be done so that Southwest residents can begin using the subway from the Waterside Mall location at an earlier date.

COMMUNITY RALLYS FOR MALL

By anyone's standards, the SAVE OUR MALL Garage Sale was a great success. Carole Early, Chairman of the event, reported that over \$1100 was raised for the "Save Our Mall" Committee. The community responded enthusiastically. Numerous people helped to make the Sale a great event, at which 320 sales were made at bargain prices. Who says "people in Southwest don't talk to each other"? *(In reply to comments made about SW in a recent issue of WASHINGTONIAN.)*

ANC Meeting Dates:

On November 29 the ANC will hold a Community Meeting on Redevelopment Plans for 40 acres south of M Street, east of South Capitol Street. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Arthur Capper Recreation Center at 8 pm.

The next regular meeting of the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission will be at 8:00 pm, 124 P Street, SW on December 1.

(Call Gottlieb Simon at 484-3026 for information.)

ANC ACTS ON HOUSING AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ISSUES

Housing and citizen participation issues dominated the monthly meeting of the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission held on November 5 at the Community Police Office at 400 L Street, SW.

The ANC voted to support City Council legislation (PR-1-260) sought by its neighboring commission in the near southeast, ANC 6B, which would authorize ANC 6B to be the "citizen participation mechanism" required by the Community Development grant program administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Pending further examination by the Task Force on Public Housing, the ANC provisionally endorsed Council Bill 1-221 which would establish new tenant councils in public housing. The councils would be given considerable power including the right to approve property managers.

The Commission also voted to hold its last Community Meeting of the calendar year on November 29. The meeting place has tentatively been set for the Arthur Capper Recreation Center. The topic will be the redevelopment of 40 acres south of M Street and east of South Capitol Street.

Citizen participation issues also came up in connection with the District's government application to HEW to be recognized as a state health planning agency. New national legislation (93-641) creates new agencies to coordinate and plan the use of federal funds for hospitals and clinics. After reviewing these matters the ANC voted to advise the Mayor to reserve 8 slots on a 30-member citizen-provider decision-making council proposed in the District's application for representatives from each ward nominated by the ANCs.

In other actions, the ANC endorsed a minor change in the Urban Renewal Plan being considered by the City Council (PR-1-262) and directed its staff to look into the Mayor's decision to renew his proposal to construct a \$3 million addition to the First District Police Headquarters.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sam Jordan, chairman of the SWCH Nominations Committee, announces that he is invalidating the results of the voting for Board members on Oct. 28 because of errors in the printing of the ballots. A new vote will be held at the Assembly meeting on January 27. Meanwhile the old Board will meet at 7:30 pm, Thursday, December 2nd at Christ Methodist.

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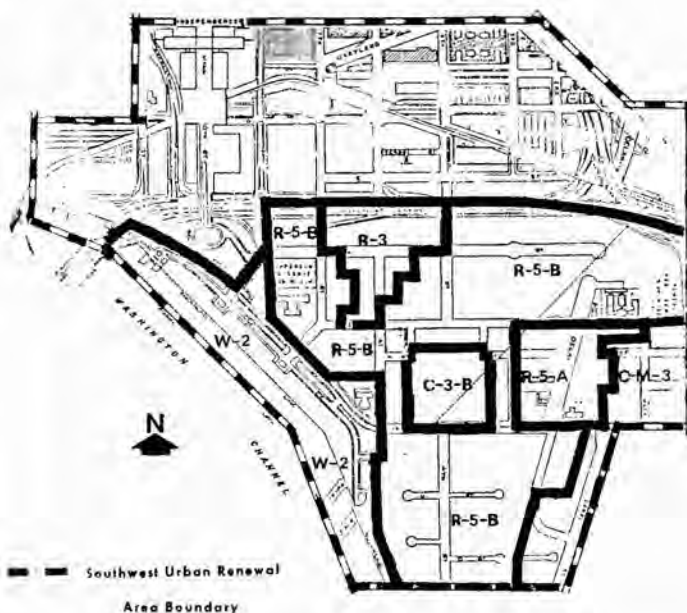
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ZONING FOR SOUTHWEST TO BE DISCUSSED

On Tuesday, November 30 a discussion open to the public will be held on the proposed zoning for the Southwest Urban Renewal Area south of the freeway. The panel discussion will be held at 8 p.m. in the lounge at the garden entrance of Christ Methodist Church, Wesley Place and I Street, S.W.

The D.C. Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 4, 1977 on the plan, which was presented to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly recently by representatives of the D.C. Office of Planning.

As shown on the map printed in this issue of the Southwest, the Waterside Mall area would be changed from Limited First Commercial Area under the Urban Renewal Plan to C3B - High Bulk Major Business and Employment Center. The town houses on 6th St. and between 4th and 7th St. north of G Street would be zoned R3 - row Dwelling. However, the town houses in other parts of Southwest would be included in R5B zones - Medium Density Apartment House.



Map of proposed zoning for Southwest, prepared by D.C. Office of Planning. Symbols used on the map & their meaning:

- R-5A - Low Density Apartment House
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2nd VACANCY ON ANC; EMERGENCY LEGISLATION SOUGHT

Celestine Caraway, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) member for Single Member District (SMD) 7, has moved to a new SMD in the Southwest and has been forced to resign her seat on the Commission. Caraway's resignation brings to two the number of vacancies on the ANC. Under present law these vacancies cannot be filled until November 1977. The Board of Elections which was originally authorized to hold special elections when vacancies occurred on ANCs has complained that it does not have the funds to conduct these additional elections.

In order to get around these problems the Commission is exploring the possibility of asking the City Council to adopt emergency legislation which would allow ANCs to appoint individuals to vacancies. (The Board of Education now has this power.) If this power is granted, the ANC intends to conduct special SMD elections itself and appoint the winners to fill the vacancies.

In the meantime, SMD 5 (Carroll Square, River Park and St. James) and SMD 7 (James Creek between N & O Sts., Syphax Gardens to Buzzard Point) are not represented on the ANC.

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ANC LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

First the good news: Many different organizations, public and private have asked the ANC to send a representative to their meetings. Now the bad news: There are more meetings than there are Commissioners. Therefore the ANC is looking for volunteers who will represent the Commission at some of these meetings and before some of these groups and keep the ANC informed on their activities.

If you are interested in volunteering to be the ANC's liaison to one of the following groups, please write to the SW/SE ANC Box 24034, Washington D.C. 20024, or call Gottlieb Simon at 484-3026:

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SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY SERVICE TO BE HELD
THANKSGIVING MORNING

An ecumenical community worship service conducted jointly by the churches of Southwest, will be held Thanksgiving morning, November 25 at 10 am in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Westminster is at the corner of 4th and I, across from Amidon School.

The music of Bach and Handel will be featured with Kimball Wheeler, Soprano. Harold Goers of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will give the Thanksgiving Meditation.

The community is invited to attend the service and a short coffee and tea time afterwards.

SHOWCASE 77

Champagne will be served at the opening of Showcase 77 on December 4 from 8:30 pm to midnight at Temple Micah, 600 M Street, SW. Showcase is an annual art show sponsored by Temple Micah. The show will also be open on the following days: Dec. 5 from 2-10 pm; Dec. 6-8 from 4-9 pm; Dec. 11 from 2-10 pm; and Dec. 12 from 2-8 pm.

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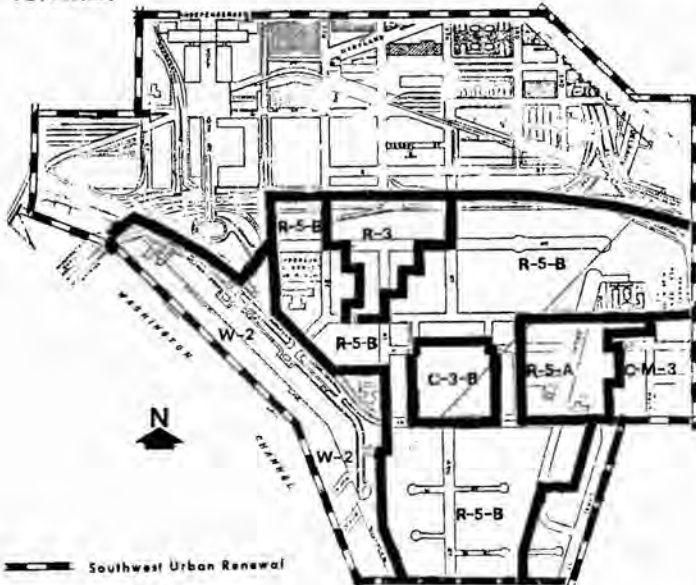
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Would not the R-5B zone permit a townhouse to be converted into two flats?

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The Mayor agreed to establish a Task Force with a wide range of representatives. The directive forming the Waterside Mall Task Force designates Deputy Mayor (City Administrator) Julian Dugas as Chairman. Monthly meetings will be held to confer on the progress toward meeting each objective. Galen Yoder, Granville Woodson, and Kathy Stief (alternate) have been appointed from the Southwest Assembly. Dick Westbrook, Clara Brewer, and Wesley Long (alternate) have been appointed from the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC).

Galen Yoder, who served as spokesperson to the Mayor at the Nov. 15 meeting, told the Southwester that citizens attending the meeting were hopeful, based on the outcome of the meeting. "It was significant that the Mayor overrode his subordinates several times during the course of the meeting in accepting proposals presented by SOM. He also praised SOM for the thoroughness of their presentation." Mr. Yoder contends that, "We have no intention of letting up at this point. This thing will keep SOM members warm this winter."

STAFF CHANGING AT SW HEALTH CENTER

Staff turnover in internal medicine will take place during December and January at the Southwest Health Center, according to Dr. Sylvia Wooten, the director. As a temporary assignment, Dr. Duque will see patients at the Center every Thursday from 8:15 to 4:45, beginning December 16. Then, after January 10, another internist will be on duty 3 to 3½ days each week. This physician will replace Dr. Nieva Concepcion, currently on the staff, who is taking maternity leave December 9.

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COMMUNITY CENTER MOVEMENT BEGINS

Several organizations and individuals within Southwest are enthusiastic over the prospect of a multi-purpose community center. Initial interest for such a center which could provide recreational and social activities for all ages, social services, counseling, and neighborhood meeting space came from the Friends of Southwest Youth (FOSY). The ANC approved a request from FOSY to co-sponsor (1) a survey of available community space for cultural and recreational activities and (2) a petition drive to state neighborhood views that there should be a SW recreation center.

Wes Long will lead the efforts of the ANC in cooperating in the development of a center and hopes to bring together different organizations and groups to explore the various approaches to accomplish this aim. One option immediately available is to present this need to the District Department of Recreation so that it can be incorporated into future plans for the city.

Southwest Churches have joined with other community voices and Mrs. Joy Davis of Christ Methodist Church has proposed that a petition be circulated within all of the churches to create a groundswell of support.

REPORT ON DECEMBER ANC MEETING

In addition to items already covered in edition of SWer, final action on two city council bills (1-221 and PR 1-260) concerning housing issues was postponed by the ANC at its December meeting since council hearings on these bills have been deferred until the next session of council. 1-221, the Resident Council Act, would give tenants of public housing more say in the management of the properties in which they live. PR 1-260 would authorize ANCs to be the official "citizen participation mechanism" for Community Development Block grant program.

The next ANC meeting is scheduled for January 5th.

Volunteers who would like to represent ANC 2D on the Fire Department's Task Force on Fire Protection Services and other groups are urged to contact the ANC by writing to Box 24034 (20024) or calling 484-3026. Representatives will attend the meetings of liaison organizations and keep the ANC posted on their activities.



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The Institute of Lifetime Learning, which offers informal day time courses for adults, has been developed and conducted by the Graduate School of USDA since the summer of 1975.

There are no age limitations for enrollment; the course fees are the lowest in the area. Winter classes begin January 17. For more information call 447-6339.

??? WHY NOT ???

If the Metro Station is now completed, but the trains won't be running until 1981 at the soonest or 1983 as currently scheduled --- (see article on back page) ---

and if Southwest needs a community center (see article on this page), why can't the subway station be used by the community as a meeting place at least until we can get a real (above ground) community center? --- or, of course, until the trains start running?

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BUZZARD POINT SUIT CONTINUES

Chief Judge William Jones, U.S. District Court, at a November 30 hearing instructed counsel for the SWNA, etc., to obtain additional information about the details of the leasing agreements between SW Joint Venture and GSA on the 1900 Half St., SW property. Subpoenas for depositions have already been served by counsel. In asking for more facts, Judge Jones refused to rule at the present time on (1) GSA's motion for dismissal of the case or summary judgment or (2) SWNA's motion for summary judgment requesting an environmental impact statement before moving 2,000 federal employees into the vacant building.

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LIBRARY NEWS

A computerized listing of jobs available in the Washington area can now be obtained from the Southwest Library.

Lessie Owens, Librarian, says the list will be brought up to date daily. She suggests that job applicants call 727-1381 for details on the new service, which after much study and planning, is available only at the Southwest Branch of the library system.

As a supplement, Miss Owens announces that in January workshops will be conducted in the library on how fill out job applications, write resumes and make presentations during interviews. Dates for the workshops will be announced in the SOUTHWESTER or may be obtained by calling 727-1381.

Monday and Wednesday nights at the movies will be continued, starting at 6:30 pm, with a variety of films to be shown. Information can be obtained by calling the library.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON BUZZARD POINT?

Hearings on GSA order to relocate part of the functions of the GSA at the Buzzard Point building in SW will be held on December 17, 1976 by Congressman Dingell's Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Congressman John Dingell invited the SW Neighborhood Assembly to testify, as well as the SW/SE ANC and Southwest Community House to be available to respond to questions at the hearing. He is particularly interest in SW views concerning the impact on the residential community of the Buzzard Point building being occupied by Federal employees and the extent to which the GSA has attempted to ascertain the concerns of local residents and taken steps to mitigate problems raised by such residents. One area of concern is the lack of public transportation for persons employed or visiting this building. On Nov. 19, 1976, the GSA wrote to the General Manager of WMATA, Mr. Theodore C. Lutz, requesting that agency to "initiate the necessary administrative action to approve the route adjustment" of buses serving the area. The GSA letter also states:

"From our contacts with your office, we understand the reservations which you have concerning the structural capacity of some of the streets involved to adequately support bus movements and the restricted lane widths caused by on-street parking. The latter problem can be solved by eliminating the parking and both the D.C. Dept. of Transportation and the National Parks Service have formally agreed to prohibit on-street parking where necessary to facilitate bus movements."

CITY COUNCIL SETS HEARINGS ON MALL FOR FEBRUARY

Vic Simon, of the City Council's Consumer Affairs Subcommittee, has notified Southwest Assembly officials that February 2, 1977, is the target date for beginning the hearings on Waterside Mall. The initial round of hearings will cover the present situation. The second round of hearings will be more investigative in nature, probing back as far as ten or twelve years if necessary. Kathy Stief, President of the Assembly, indicated that the hearings may be able to unravel some of the unanswered questions about the Mall as well as lead to constructive action in the near future by appropriate authorities in securing a completed viable shopping center for the residents of Southwest which was and is the intent of the SW Urban Renewal Plan.

COUNCIL DELAYS ACTION ON ANC VACANCY LEGISLA'N

A bill introduced by Chairman Sterling Tucker which would allow ANC's to fill current vacancies was not considered by the Council on December 7 as scheduled. The bill, emergency legislation, was re-scheduled for what should be the final legislative meeting of the Council on December 17.

The Council's lack of action has clouded ANC plans to conduct a special election in two Single Member Districts, 7 and 5. If the Council passes the vacancy legislation this year, it is anticipated that the ANC will hold a special election in mid-January. Details for such an election are being worked out by a special committee consisting of Celestine Caraway, Dick Westbrook, and Gottlieb Simon.

Individuals interested in running for a Commission seat in the election are invited to contact Simon (484-3026) for information. Single Member District 5, formerly represented by Terry Chisholm, includes Carrollsburg Square, River Park and St. James. Single Member District 7, which was represented by Celestine Caraway, covers James Creek between N and O Streets and Syphax Gardens to Buzzard Point.

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JANUARY MEETING ON SCS/BP REDEVELOPMENT

Possible redevelopment of the South Capitol Street corridor will be the subject of a special community meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm, January 11 at St. Vincent De Paul Church, 14 M Street, SE.

This meeting is an outgrowth of the November Community Meeting called by the ANC to discuss the redevelopment of a 40 acre tract in Southeast below M Street between South Capitol Street and First Street, SE. The Dravo Corporation, which owns 6 acres in the area, has said it would like to develop the site, which would include a new residential community of 7,000 to 10,000 people.

The District government, which would have to use its public condemnation powers if the project is to proceed, is preparing to offer a contract to a developer to conduct a feasibility study and draw up a development plan. It appears that Dravo is the only company that can meet the criteria to receive the development contract.

Local residents who heard Arnod Mays of the Housing department sketch his department's ideas for the area at the November ANC meeting voiced many concerns. What will happen to the low income residents of the area? How will development of the 40 acre tract affect the redevelopment of the Southwest side of South Capitol Street? Why did Mays deny there was already a "plan" and why didn't the Housing Department have more information?

Answers to these concerns are being investigated by the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point Committee. The Committee, which is to be jointly sponsored by the ANC, Friendship House, Southwest House, and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, will present its findings to the community in January.

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UP-DATE ON METRO

Metro officials, with unusual speed, responded to a recent ANC/SW Assembly letter, which asked for completion of Waterfront Station and rail service in 1981 rather than 1983, by setting a meeting date for January 27, 1977 to discuss the topic. The meeting will be at the January 27 Town Hall Meeting of the SW Assembly, 8 pm, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M Sts., SW. Plans for resurfacing of M Street will also be presented at the meeting.

Motorists will find M Street a single-file obstacle course for several months yet. The Waterfront Station is now completed and about 10 feet of backfill is on top of the underground structure. Backfilling will continue as deck beams are pulled. Once this clean-up phase of construction is finished (by late February, weather permitting), the road base will be laid and concrete poured.

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